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EFFECTS OF KMT AIR RAIDS ON SHANGHAI

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CITY UNDER SIEGE*

The entire business and living routine of the 5,000,000 people of Shanghai is undergoing a transformation which has no previous parallel — not even during the most hectic days of the Japanese occupation during the Pacific War, reports Reuter.

26th Gurkhas ordered to Malaya

The 26th Gurkha Infantry from Hong Kong is being transferred to rejoin its parent Division in Malaya for training in jungle warfare. This training will include active duty in the anti-bandit campaign, against pro-Communist guerrillas.

An army spokesman said that the transfer will enable troops who have been engaged for many months in strenuous operations in Malaya to be relieved for rest and training, without lessening the pressure on the bandits.

He added that the Brigade is expected to leave within the next two months. The 26th and 2-10 Gurkha Regiments, and the 1st Battalion of Camerons, have been in Hong Kong about two months.

Terrorist outrages in Malaya

Singapore, March 14. Terrorists killed three police — two Malays and one Chinese — and wounded another when they ambushed a police car in the Dindings area of Perak yesterday.

A Chinese civilian and a Malay bus conductor were also killed and a Chinese civilian wounded in an action lasting several hours. Two terrorists were killed — one by their own men — and one was wounded.

MALAYA TO END PETROL RATIONING

Singapore, March 14. Petrol rationing in Malaya is to end on March 31, it was officially announced here today. The Singapore and Malayan Federation Governments announced that the decision had been made following consultations with the British Government. Reuter.

THE WEATHER

At 0800 GMT (11 p.m. HKST) the moderate anti-cyclone is centred over the Eastern Sea, covering E and SE China, Korea, Japan, and the adjacent seas.

Shanghai today resembles a city under siege, with important office buildings and factories heavily sandbagged, show windows of stores and business houses thickly plastered with blast-proof paper strips, according to recent arrivals.

The changes have been brought about by repeated Nationalist air attacks on Shanghai.

With the alert being sounded, on an average, twice a day to bring all activities to a standstill, the City Government, leading business houses and public utilities have all changed their office hours to the late evenings — most of them between 4 and 10 p.m. — to ensure uninterrupted work.

The commercial change-over will be total once the banks follow suit — and they are contemplating such a step. The Banking Association has already sounded out its members, and received a unanimous pledge of support from foreign institutions.

If and when this switch becomes general, restaurants, movies and other entertainment places are expected to alter their hours to suit the new leisure period of the masses, which will be between eight in the morning and four in the afternoon.

Meanwhile the general public, but especially the foreign community of some 15,000, have suffered drastic reduction in the amenities of life to which they have long been accustomed.

Power supply restricted

With every household restricted to but one-fifth of its former electricity and power consumption, most foreign families have "mothballed" their fridges, electric cookers, heaters and irons and replaced their 100 or 75-watt lamps by 5-watt ones, and even kerosene lamps and candles.

The emergency power regulations are being almost universally observed because few can meet the crushing penalties — ten times the normal rate for any excess kilowatt the first time, ten times the entire bill for the second offence, and suspension of all supply the third time.

Worse may be in store for Shanghai's populace if the bombing raids become more serious, as they are being dug throughout the city as a precaution against the failure of the water supply, and registration has been ordered of all flush toilets for a possible return to primitive methods of disposal of night soil.

While the power restrictions have resulted in a blackout of Shanghai's thousands of neon and fluorescent light advertising signs, they have given birth to a new business — sale and hire of power generators — and created boom in the candle and kerosene trades.

Factories retail stores hit

Large factories and retail stores are probably the hardest hit by the power and electricity restrictions, which seriously curtail production and working hours.

One result has been the accelerated movement of plants to the interior — in most cases complete with all equipment and workers. According to the Chinese press, more factories are joining the exodus every day.

The North China port of Tian-tsin appears to be the most popular choice at present for re-establishment.

President Auriol in London



Beneath the great sword and mace of the City of London, President Vincent Auriol sits at luncheon with the Lord Mayor of London in the historic Guildhall. In the picture from left to right are seen: the Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke of Gloucester, President Auriol, the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Frederick Rowland), Madame Auriol and the Lady Mayoress. — (AP Photo).

Yeh gives account of his stewardship

General Yeh Chien-ying, Governor of Kwangtung, has officially admitted that little progress has been made in the province since its occupation by the Chinese Communist armies. Addressing the Central-Southern China Military-Political Affairs Commission at Hankow on March 11, he explained that progress is still in its initial stage because of the lateness of Kwangtung's liberation.

Czech Foreign Minister resigns

London, March 14. The Prague radio announced tonight that the Premier, Antonin Zapotocky, officially announced the resignation today of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Clementis, who personally handed in his notice.

The resignation was accepted by the President, Klement Gottwald. The resignation followed rumours, begun at Lake Success last summer, that Clementis was out of favour with the Communist regime.

Some diplomats at the United Nations had speculated that Clementis would resign his post, as he sought political refuge in the United States. At the height of this speculation, his wife went from Prague to New York, and later accompanied him on his return to Czechoslovakia. Clementis was then linked between the new Communist government, and the old Czech government in exile.

The Foreign Minister's post has been given to Vladimir Siroky, 48, became an active member of the Communist party in 1920, and first was elected a Communist member of Parliament in 1935. — Associated Press.

"YOUNG MARSHAL" STILL ALIVE

Taipei, March 14. Reports from Hong Kong that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang was executed in November were officially denied here today.

A spokesman from the Premier's office said the "Young Marshal" was quite alive, in good health and still under house arrest at Kaohsiung.

This source confirmed that the Marshal's wife was seeking a travel permit and expressed the opinion that personal affairs was the reason for her travel. — United Press.

Leopard escapes from Zoo in Auckland

Auckland, March 14. Troops and police armed with rifles today hunted for a half-grown leopard, escaped from the Auckland Zoo.

U.S. carrier strength in Pacific

Washington, March 14. The United States Navy intends to establish a fourth aircraft carrier division in the Pacific soon, it was announced here. Navy officials said that the move was designed to provide the Command structure for an expansion of the carrier strength in the Pacific "if and when expansion becomes necessary."

The new unit, to be known as Carrier Division 11, would consist for the time being of only one carrier, the 27,000-ton Philippine Sea.

The Navy added that the carrier Valley Forge, the flagship of Carrier Division III, would relieve the carrier Boxer in the Western Pacific in May. The Boxer, the flagship of Carrier Division V, would return to the West Coast.

A Navy spokesman said that this move was ordered to rotate Western Pacific duty between the two carriers.

The third existing carrier division in the Pacific, No. 15, now consists of the 12,000-ton escort carriers Badoeng Strait and the Sicily, although the Sicily will not actually reach the Pacific until next month.

Division 15 is commanded by Rear Admiral Frank Akers. — Reuter.

PANAMANIAN SHIP STRIKES MINE

Amsterdam, March 14. Four men were reported killed today after the Panamanian steamer Cymet struck a mine near the Dutch island of Ter Schelling.

Scheveningen Radio said the men had taken to a lifeboat after the vessel was damaged in an explosion late last night and that when found today only one was alive.

The 3,725-ton Cymet was reported flooding but was taken in tow by tugs with five men still aboard. Sixteen others were transferred to rescue ships. — United Press.

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Red attempt to land on Hainan foiled

Taipei, March 14. The Nationalists foiled an attempt by more than 1,000 Reds to land on Sunday on the North Western coast of Hainan, press reports from the big South China island claimed today.

The Reds who were travelling in junks, were driven off by gunfire from shore batteries after suffering heavy losses.

Only 30 men succeeded in gaining the shore but every single one of them was taken prisoner, the reports declared. On the day before, Nationalist patrol boats sank three of the junks in which the attempted landing was to be made and 300 Communists were drowned, the dispatches added.

The Reds were identified as regulars belonging to the 47th Army, one of the units under the overall command of Lin Biao, reputed to be the most brilliant general in Red China.

The dispatches did not speculate on the purpose of the attempted landing, but like the unsuccessful one about a week earlier, it might have been aimed at getting supplies to Red guerrillas in the Five Finger mountains, who are said to be badly in need of communication equipment and small arms ammunition.

Loyal to Chiang

Quarters who watch the situation in Taiwan very carefully, find no evidence to support Vice President Li Tsung-shan's recently expressed belief that the Nationalist Army, Navy and Air Force would rise up against President Chiang Kai-shek at a word from him.

Chiang Kai-shek has his critics, but even some of the bitterest of them concede that he is the only man in the present circumstances who can hold the Nationalists together.

There is certainly no sign of any movement in the armed forces to take orders from Li instead of Chiang.

Chinese quarters point out that one reason why Li was not so effective as Acting President was that he had no real authority over leaders of these forces. Chiang's recent visit to the Army, Navy and Air Force establishments in South Western Taiwan evoked strong expressions of loyalty and devotion to him, which was another way of supporting his resumption of the Presidency and disavowing Li Tsung-shan's claims to the post.

K. C. Wu to stay

Governor K. C. Wu has withdrawn his resignation and will continue at the helm of the Taiwan provincial government. It was learned today, add United Press.

Premier Chen Cheng called on the Governor late yesterday and in a long conversation the Premier promised Governor Wu a free hand in his programme to stabilize the island's economy principally through stamping out smuggling, reduction of questionable Nationalist government military expenses, tighter controls on finances, taxes on luxuries and other phases.

Air attacks

However, the constant threat of Nationalist air attacks has prevented Hong Kong merchants from taking advantage of the Shanghai trade using the new railway connection.

No regular goods train service is likely to be established in the near future, though occasional goods trains are likely to attempt the through trip, the sources said.

Employees of the British section of the line will continue to board incoming trains from China at the Shum Chun railway bridge, replacing the Communist crews for the journey into Kowloon.

All the goods trains will travel by night to escape air attacks.

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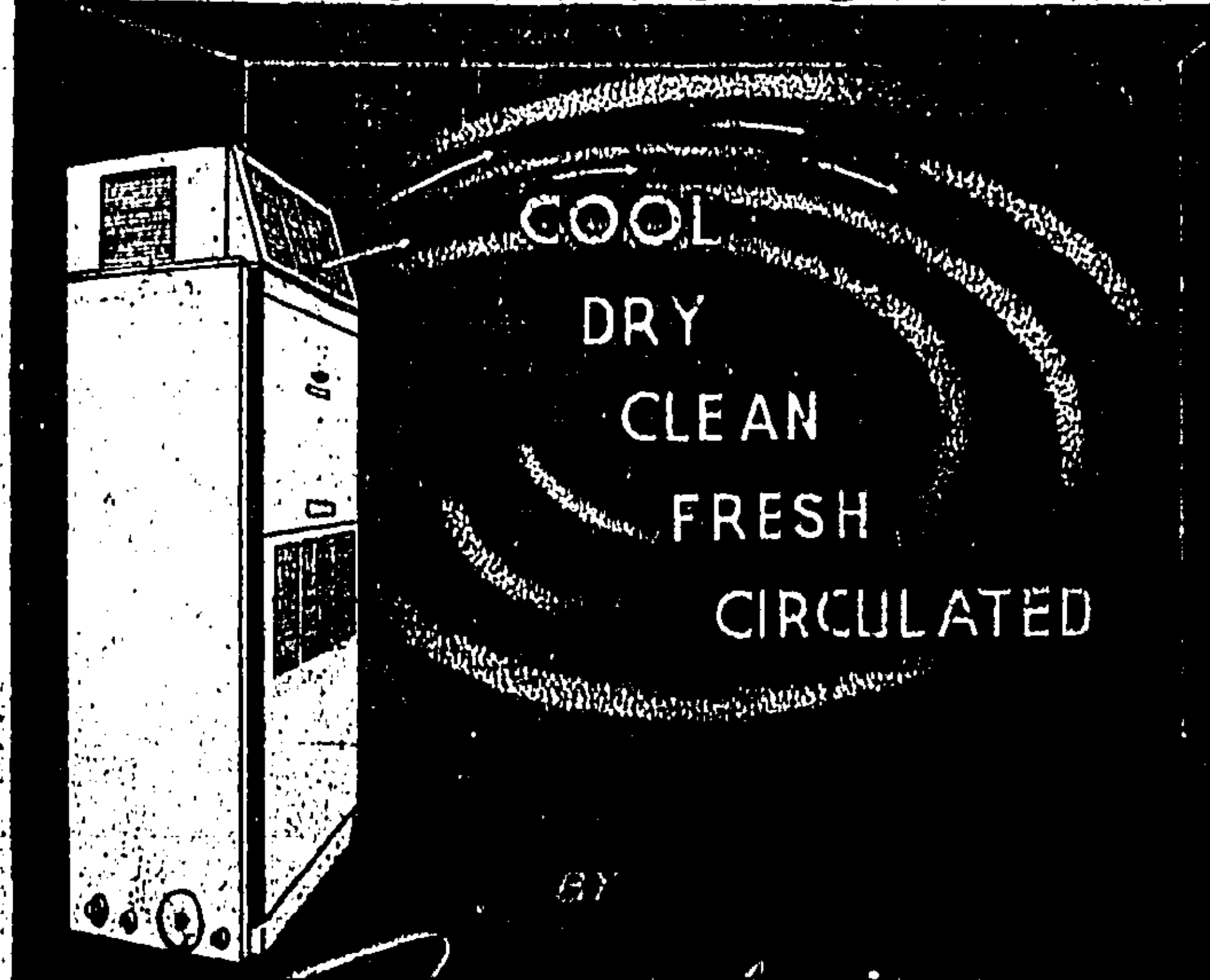
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Newsman tells Rotarians how world war can be avoided

Bonus issue of Siam rice

The Rice Controller announced yesterday that during the rationing period from March 16 to 20, inclusive, a bonus issue of good Siam white rice will be made at a quantity of 4½ cwt. a catty. The issue of broken Siam rice will be suspended during this period.

Scaled jars containing samples of the Siam rice will be displayed in each retail shop. If the rice issued does not conform with the sample displayed the public should communicate with the Rice Controller's Office (Tel. 30274) and forward samples.

Ceremonial Parade of 40th Division

A Ceremonial Parade of 40th Infantry Division will take place in the New Territories at Sek Kong on Friday when the Governor will inspect and address the troops.

As a result of this week's broadcasts from Radio Hong Kong will be cancelled. They are today and "Hong Kong Bandicall" at 8.10 p.m. tomorrow.

The bands who would have taken part in these programmes will be engaged in preparation for the inspection. A description of the parade and the Governor's speech will be broadcast by Radio Hong Kong at 11.30 a.m. on Friday on both programmes.

Newsreel man out of focus

Mr. Gene Zenier, Tokyo Bureau Chief of Warner-Bath News, left at CAT for Taipei yesterday. Mr. Zenier was in the Colony for a brief visit, taking an interest in the 71 planes grounded at Kai Tak. He said that he intended returning to the Colony to work on the planes story.

Mr. Zenier, surveying the airport briefly before he took off yesterday, wandered into the RAF area with his camera. RAF security officers soon appeared and politely but firmly suggested that Mr. Zenier should focus his camera on the tranquility of Lyemun Pass. This, Mr. Zenier did.

DR. NEWTON VISITS HOSPITAL

The Precious Blood Hospital and Orphanage, Shumshulpo, were visited on Monday by Dr. Isaac Newton, Director of Medical Services.

On behalf of the Institution, Mother, Lucy Chan, Superioress, Dr. Y. Y. Tang, Director of the Precious Blood Hospital, Father Theodor and the staff gave Dr. Newton a warm welcome.

An inspection of all the various departments left a good impression on the distinguished visitor who took particular interest in the description of the management of the Orphanage and in the healthy children.

Before Dr. Newton's departure a group photograph was taken with the working staff and nurses of the Hospital.

Mr. John Morley, American world correspondent, told Hong Kong Rotarians yesterday that a third world war can be avoided if the democratic world would face up to three vital facts.

First, he said, the Western powers have to be as fanatical as the Communist opposition in the attainment of their goal, the goal of lasting peace. It is the only effective way to counter-act Communist fanaticism.

Secondly, since the United States is taking the lead in international affairs, she must change her present method of appointing her diplomatic officials. Instead of basing the choice on social and financial contributions, candidates must be chosen by their qualifications and fitness for their jobs. There must be established schools of diplomacy to train future diplomats. Just as the country has established institutions to train generals and admirals.

Thirdly, goodwill and good fellowship must be fostered through service organisations and business among all the nations of the world.

Mr. Morley said he was speaking from observations he had made in both Europe and his own country. Never has there been such emphasis placed on lasting peace among peoples of the world. Never has sentiment been so strong against war.

However, said the speaker, the world has in fact had no peace since the beginning of civilisation, and something must therefore be done to change present methods if lasting peace is to be attained.

Elaborating on his first point, namely, democracy must fight the common enemy, Communism, with the same degree of fanaticism, he said it is no use preaching about a goal which the West is not strong enough to defend. Mere belief in the righteousness of the goal, the aim, is not enough, he said.

Mr. Morley recalled that before the war, when he was a correspondent in Berlin, Hitler always invited his important foreign guests to arrive at Tempelhof Airport on Sunday evening and they were put up on the top story of the guest hotel.

Air show

At 7.30 o'clock the next morning they were invariably treated to a demonstration of Germany's air might, and for the next few days other branches of German arms would put up a show for the benefit of the visiting emissaries so that by Wednesday night, when they were entertained by the Fuehrer at an official banquet, they could get right down to business without further argument.

This sort of language was understood by both European and Asian visitors.

"If President Roosevelt had invited his foreign guests to Washington in the same way, and had given them a demonstration of flying over their heads, I wonder if that would not have been more effective than radio appeals directed to dictators," said Mr. Morley.

Elaborating upon his second point, Mr. Morley said the world was so much closer and smaller today, that correct diplomacy was so much more important than before.

He deprecated the present method of appointment to diplomatic posts abroad, the prerequisite for which was financial and social position.

He advocated the establishment of schools of diplomacy in which the West is not strong. He given the necessary training and graduates would, on the strength of their records, be given appointments.

"We have West Point to train our future generals and Annapolis to train our future admirals. There is no reason why we should not have similar highly specialised institutions to bring up our future diplomats since so much nowadays depends upon tactful diplomacy. If we are to avoid an atomic holocaust," said Mr. Morley.

Goodwill

Creating goodwill and good fellowship among various peoples of the world is the most important thing, and Mr. Morley thinks this can be done through service organisations like the Rotary International and businessmen of all countries.

"No race as a race is ever corrupt; no matter what its creed or political belief, but in every race and among every people there are corrupt elements."

"It is not that if democracy will work and fight for peace as hard as it has done in war, there is no reason why a third world war cannot be avoided," concluded Mr. Morley.

The speaker was thanked by Mr. J. B. Kilo.

This is the first visit of Mr. Morley to Hong Kong. He has been all over Europe since before the war, including Berlin, Rome, Paris, Moscow and London. He is contributing editor to the "Saturday Evening Post" and the "Readers Digest," and news analyst for the National Broadcasting Corporation, and is at present on a world tour to make on-the-spot observations.

Two new members were inducted into the Rotary Club yesterday. They were Mr. J. J. King, Managing Director of George F. Young & Co., and Mr. William J. Storer, General Manager of General Electric Products Company.

Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell reminded Rotarians that those attending the Rotary District Conference on March 25 and 26 should send in their names, as well as names of Rotary-Anns and men and lady friends immediately. The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, will be present at the dinner on Saturday, March 18, at 8 p.m. The conference will be held in the Peninsula Hotel.

Fire aboard lighter

Fire destroyed more than 100 tons of cotton which was loaded on the Hong Kong lighter, Elen Sing, yesterday morning.

A Marine Fire Boat poured water on the blazing cargo for an hour and a half before the fire was brought under control.

There were no casualties, but the lighter was towed to Tai Kok Tsui dock, and beached.

The craft, which had finished taking the cargo off the Everett Steamship Lines' ss. Star Aleyone, early Tuesday morning, is expected to be unserviceable for several weeks.

Marine police said yesterday that the cause of the fire is unknown.

It apparently started at the bottom of the Pien Sing, making it necessary for the fire fighters to jettison most of the craft's cargo to fight the blaze.

All the five members of the lighter's crew were asleep when the blaze started at 10 a.m. yesterday.

In addition to the fire boat, the Marine Police and the Marine Department sent two launches to supervise the fire fighting.

Rice ration applications

A total of 101,000 new applications, covering some 700,000 persons, for rice ration cards has been received by the Rice Controller, it was officially announced yesterday.

The applications were sent in as a result of the Rice Controller's invitation to all persons with at least 12 months' residence in Hong Kong and who do not possess rice ration cards, to register for such ration cards.

The new ration cards are expected to be ready before the end of the month. Applicants will be informed through the post where to apply for their cards.

Since the end of the registration period more than 100 clerks have been working up to midnight daily checking the applications and preparing ration cards.

It has been necessary to set aside for the time being 4,300 incorrectly completed applications, but these will be referred back to the applicants for correction as soon as possible.

In addition to this routine work, the returns have had to be analysed geographically, in order to assess the number and location of the extra retail shops which must be brought into the rationing scheme to cope with the increase in the rationed population.

About 318,000 persons will be accommodated by the old retail shops but between 80 and 90 new shops will have to be set up to serve the other 300,000.

Personalia

Lady Mountbatten is expected to arrive here either today or tomorrow. On Friday she will visit the Headquarters of the St. John Ambulance Brigade at Tai Hang.

Mr. and Mrs. H.V. Redman left Hong Kong for Yokohama yesterday by BOAC. Mr. Redman is Controller of the British Mission at Tokyo. During the war he was head of the Far Eastern Department of the British Information Office at London.

Mrs. C.W. Roberts, Mrs. M.D. Easterbrook, Messrs. E.C. Thompson, J.W. Gonyer, D.R. Dyche, Teague, Juan, Han, E.V. Dronaheld, E.R. Seddon and W. Meachan left Hong Kong for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. F.C. Winans and Aw Boon-haw left for Bangkok and Rangoon by BOAC yesterday.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Miss G.E. Lindstedt, Miss A.E. Wardell, Mrs. E. Marcham, Mrs. R.M. Miller, Miss C. George, Messrs. P. Piralan, E.A. Prechel, S.H. Robertson, G. Tallock, R. Ashby, E. H. S. Creasy, J.G. Dunne, C.G. Bouchier, H.J.S. Muriel and F.F. Levey.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Howarth, Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Hodgkinson, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Labrum, Messrs. A.L. Phillips, J.L. Campbell, M.P. De Fasse, W. Muenchy, H.A. Leebner, M. Zanetti and Miss S. Garfield.

Messrs. D.B. Lindsay, G.W. Williams, Wong Kim-yap, T.J. Lee and E. Chaudoin left Hong Kong yesterday for Singapore by CPA.

Among those who left the Colony for Singapore yesterday by BOAC were: W.M. Thomson, J. N. Kennard, J. Love, C.D. Ricardo, S. Lal, H.V. Smith, Chow Cheong-chang, Col. C.H. Cree, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Barber, Cpt. M.J. Evans, Maj. J.H. Allford, P.Y. Jih and Paik Tak-seung.

Departures for Yokohama yesterday by BOAC included Y.H.M. Dejjasse, Mr. S.K. Garfield, J.L. Campbell, A.L. Phillips, M.F. Hickman, D.R. Auckland and D.A.S. Gordon.

Nanking firms lose goods

Lack of diplomatic relations between the United States and Communist China cost a Chinese photo studio at Nanking 7,000,000 Jenminpiao (the new regime's currency).

The Far East Refrigerators Company at Nanking also paid dearly—5,000,000 Jenminpiao—for the same defect.

The pro-Communist "Ta Kung Pao" reported yesterday that the authorities at Nanking confiscated photographic equipment and supplies valued at 7,000,000 Jenminpiao, at the Wan Lai Ming Photo Studio, and metal goods valued at 5,000,000 Jenminpiao, at the Far East Refrigerators Company.

Confiscation was ordered because on Customs duty had been paid on the goods. The report said that the two firms bought the goods from American Embassy personnel. The goods were brought into Nanking before the Communists took over and were exempt from tax as it was consigned to the American Embassy.

This diplomatic immunity is not recognised now as there are no diplomatic relations between the United States and Communist China, added the report.

Habeas Corpus writ asked by workers

Eight members of a local Chinese workers' association who have been detained pending deportation brought up an application to the Supreme Court yesterday for issue of writ of habeas corpus against the authorities.

The writ is to show cause why their immediate release from custody should not be ordered, and is directed against the Commissioner of Police and Superintendent of Prisons, nominal respondents.

The applicants, Chiu Chung-keng, Chau Yui, Cheung So, Tsang Wu, Chiu Ying-cheung, Chiu Kiu-kwong, To Yim-kong and Chau Tak belong to the Ping Lok Rattan Workers' Association of 184 Wai Cheungshaw Road, Kowloon.

They are represented by Mr. B.A. Demasch, instructed by Mr. M. A. de Silva.

Mr. A. de Silva, Crown Counsel yesterday, held a preliminary hearing on behalf of the respondents. At the start of his remarks, Mr. Demasch pointed out that the respondents were not being held in custody for any offence, but were being held pending deportation.

He stated that the necessary documents could be prepared and the parties concerned would be notified by the respondents.

Mr. Williams, Crown Counsel, who was asked to support the respondents, stated that the respondents were being held pending deportation and that the respondents were not being held in custody for any offence, but were being held pending deportation.

Applications for floating restaurants rejected by UC

The Urban Council yesterday rejected an application filed by the owners of the vessels "Humon" and "Yumen" to turn the ships into marine restaurants.

The vessels, owned by the Ming Sung Industrial Company Limited, are the most modern steamers on the Hong Kong-Macao run.

Originally plying the Hong Kong-Canton route, they were transferred to the Macao run after the imposition of the Nationalist blockade of the Pearl River following the fall of Canton last year.

Because profits accruing from the Macao run are comparatively small, the owners applied to the Urban Council for a licence to convert them into marine restaurants.

This was rejected yesterday by the Council at its regular bi-monthly meeting, on the grounds that objections were raised not only by the health authorities but also by the Director of Marine, who is of the opinion that it is wrong in principle to allow the vessels to be used as marine restaurants.

He advised the Council that the use of Douglas Wharf, where the vessels are berthed, by licensed restaurants would be a direct contravention of the principle of using the Colony's wharves to the best possible advantage.

Fire risk

The Council also explained that the Chief Officer of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade failed to support the application on account of fire risk, as the vessels are not provided with the same fire escape facilities as are provided by hotels ashore.

The Council also endorsed a resolution moved by the Chairman, Dr. J. P. Fehly, to recommend to Government that the Shum Wan Cemetery be closed with effect from April 1, 1950.

Dr. J. P. Fehly said that closure of the cemetery would complete action under the Government's policy of closing all non-urban cemeteries on the island.

As in the case of cemeteries at Shekko and Stanley, the Sanitary Department will provide free transportation for coffins to relatives who may wish to attend themselves of such service, Dr. Fehly said.

The Council also rejected an application to open a food shop on Crown Land in Chuk On Village, Kowloon City, and a cafe on Wing Lok Street. The reason given was the unsuitability of the premises for the type of business intended.

An application for a wine licence on Crown Land at the hillside of the former Police Station, Shaokwan, was rejected because the proposed place is not in an approved place.

The Council also rejected an application to grow "Sal" (Young Choi) on Crown Land, in Tai Koo Village, because the application is only a squatter on Crown Land.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following have announced their forthcoming weddings: "James Browning" copy, Instructor, Cable and Wireless, Limited, of 113 Conduit Road, and Miss Paola Masciarelli, en route here from Rome.

Pier Hendrik de Jong, accountant, of 271 Steward Terrace, Hong Kong, and Miss Yvonne Blackmore, of 14 Cornwall Road, Kowloon.

John Campbell Thompson, engineer, of 404 Porters Hill, Hong Kong, and Mrs. Kelly Edna Heinzelberg, of Ritz Hotel.

Shameen arrests confirmed

Canton's Shameen district administration has confirmed the arrest of eight employees of three foreign business organisations. The vernacular "Wah Kiu Yat Po" quoting a message from Canton yesterday, said that the administration posted a public notice stating the reasons for the arrests.

The notice, according to the independent Chinese newspaper, described the arrested persons as "voluntary running dogs of imperialism and Kuomintang reactionary influences."

The men have been accused of publicly expressing reactionary views and of criticising progressive elements. The arrests were made as a result of information supplied by members of the public, added the notice.

The notice said the district administration ordered the arrests "to uphold the dignity of the law of the people, to maintain law and order, and to afford the persons concerned an opportunity of confessing and repenting."

British Council film show

The Australian Government Trade Commissioner, Mr. H. W. Wray, will speak at the British Council weekly film show at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow at the Helicon Cinema. A film entitled "Australia Today" will be screened.

The film offers exceptional variety and caters for a wide choice of interests. In addition to showing how Australia has dealt with her economic and domestic problems from the times of the early pioneers, an insight is given into the lives of those engaged in many occupations and industries, including some less well-known to inhabitants of other continents.

A picturesque account is given both of rural and urban Australia, with many interesting views of the wild animal and plant life to be found there, in addition to illustrating the sports and pastimes for which the country is noted.

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MAINTENANCE SUMMONS AGAINST DR. SUN FO

Agricultural rentals in NT

Pictorial proof to substantiate recent reports from the New Territories that certain owners of agricultural land are demanding considerably increased rentals is still lacking. It was officially stated yesterday.

A Government spokesman told the "China Mail" that inquiries into the reports are, however, being continued.

Previous reports, officially unconfirmed, said that certain owners have more than doubled the annual rental of land hired out to New Territories farmers.

The farmers have no redress as the rentals of agricultural land are not subject to the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

Exhibition of Chinese paintings

An exhibition of Chinese painting will be held in St. John's Cathedral hall today and tomorrow.

The collection consists of more than 200 pieces selected from local collectors.

Many of the paintings had been in the possession of Sung, Ming and Ching Emperors. They represent the cream of the private collections in the colony.

The exhibition is important in several ways. It serves first to illustrate the development of the art in China in the last 1,000 years. Paintings of the T'ang masters are few, but the half dozen pieces to be exhibited are good examples of the style, powerful and romantic with marked influences from the Buddhist moral art.

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The hearing of the summons brought against Dr. Sun Fo by his first concubine, Nancy Ng, for the custody and maintenance of Sun Joen Sun, alias Lily Sun, aged 13, continued before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Mr. M. A. da Silva represented the complainant while Sir Man-kam Lo was for the defendant who did not appear in Court.

Before Mr. Silva began his opening, Mr. D. L. Strellett, who appeared for the defendant, apologized to the Court for the non-appearance of To Yuet-sang, one of the chief witnesses in the case who had been subpoenaed to appear, as he was seriously ill and was told by his Doctor, C. H. Wan, to rest for the time being.

Mr. Strellett produced the medical certificate for the Court's inspection but added that he would keep in touch with the sick man and would inform the Court when he would be able to attend.

Mr. Silva said that should it become necessary to have To's evidence before he became better they could visit him and take down the evidence and bring it to Court.

Mr. Lo accepted Mr. Strellett's explanation of To's absence and the case proceeded.

"The first important factual aspect I shall present to the Court," said Mr. Silva in his opening, "is that the complainant was a young, unmarried girl of 19, just out of school and from a respectable Shanghai family when she first met Sun Fo in 1932. Sun was then a practised, experienced politician and man of the world of over 40 years of age."

"These factors," continued Mr. Silva, "when established in evidence, argue immediately for some form of regularity in the subsequent concubinage. It is not conceivable, on the balance of probabilities, that a young, virginal girl, just out of school, could survive so long in free-living even in the glamour of the Sun's name or the practised seductive art of an old roue without some form of regularity to the union."

Shared favours

"Should Sun Fo come into the box and say in contradiction that there was no question of concubinage and that these children are no children of his, I will ask him: 'Is it conceivable that the then Chairman of the Legislative Yuan, holding the exalted and reversed position that the defendant then held, would condescend to beset her dignity by cohabiting in shared favours?'"

It was during a visit to Nan-king in January, 1933 that Sun Fo approached the complainant, through Fu Ping-sheng, and proposed concubinage. After obtaining the indirect consent of her parents, the complainant agreed.

"The two then moved into No. 18, Ming Tak Lane in Shanghai on February 7, 1933 and set up house-keeping. Sun Fo, who had no need to entertain, but was entertained and courted by others, went to the expense and under the formality of giving a dinner party to which were invited Fu Ping-sheng, Wu King-hung and many others at which he formally announced his taking of the complainant as his second wife."

"As from February 7, 1933, the defendant brought the complainant out to all parties and functions which he attended and introduced her as his wife."

"In December, 1933, she gave birth to the first child, a daughter. The child carried Sun Fo's surname and he accorded the child recognition as his child and continued to support the complainant and child at the rate of \$1,000 each month."

"They had moved from 18, Ming Tak Lane at the suggestion of the defendant and lived at 15, Ko Ney Yee Road."

"In 1935, they again moved and he obtained an apartment at 203, St. Paul Apartments, 20 Houkai Road, for her."

Birth of Lily
"They continued to live together. All rents were paid by the defendant. In March, 1936, the complainant gave birth at the First Hospital of the Red Cross Society of China at 88 Avenue Road, Shanghai, to the child referred to in the summons, Lily."

Mr. Silva continued that at the complainant's request he obtained a birth certificate for Lily Sun and in the certificate it was clearly stated that she was the child of the complainant and the defendant, who gave his name as Sun Chui-sang. The certificate was sent to the complainant at 40 Roush Road, and the address of the envelope was written by Sun, and had been proved without a shadow of doubt.

Mr. Silva then said that he would challenge the defendant to appear in Court and deny the story, deny the birth certificate as having been obtained by him almost 14 years ago in Shanghai.

Hospital bills paid by Sun Fo will be brought forth as evidence, and these bills all refer to the young girl as Sun Mul Mul.

A letter which Sun Fo sent to the complainant in April 1936 enclosing an extra allowance of \$500 besides the usual monthly allowance to celebrate the first month of the baby's birth will also be shown in Court.

Other letters which were cut down the monthly allowance to the complainant from \$1,000 to \$500 during the months of July 1937 and including the allowance

for July and August will also be introduced as both the Old and New Chinese Law say that recognition is proved by support and the letters prove support.

The letters were written in intimate terms and, added Mr. Silva, if they were not his children, why was Sun Fo contributing money towards their support?

Enter because Sun Fo became involved with another woman, Lam Li, the complainant and he had a quarrel but he continued to support her although he reduced the monthly amount. However the balance was made up by To Yuet-sang.

Some time in 1937, To Yuet-sang gave her a lump sum to make up the deficiencies in payments, as Lam Li had brought the matter to a head and Sun Fo was visiting complainant less and less.

Shanghai action
In 1938, the complainant started action in the Shanghai Court against Sun Fo for the maintenance of her daughters. However, the action was not served although her legal adviser made repeated requests to the Court.

In 1939, To Yuet-sang who had come to Hong Kong wrote and asked the complainant to come to the colony, where she could complete arrangements with Sun Fo for the education and maintenance of her two daughters.

She was told on arrival that she would receive HK\$100,000 if she would sign a statement saying that her daughters had no known father. While she was in Hong Kong during 1939, she resided at the Sun Sun Hotel, Kowloon and was visited on several occasions by Sun Fo.

She returned to Shanghai later to get the HK\$100,000 but failed. She was told by Lam Li that Sun Fo had changed his mind. In 1945 she learned that Lam Li had signed her name to the agreement and had collected the money.

After the Japanese surrender in 1945, after Sun Fo was visited by the complainant's younger brother, Sun appointed Lam Li as agent to effect an intended settlement of the complainant's debts incurred during the occupation of her two daughters. She had accumulated only 120 taels and had to sign two receipts. One receipt for 20 taels of gold stated that the gold was given to her out of compassion as she and her daughters bore the same surname as Sun Fo and stated that the father of the children was Sun Yat-ming, a person that the complainant had never met.

Questions unasked

Mr. Silva added that he intended to ask many questions of the defendant regarding the various letters, receipts and notes but the questions may now be unasked as the defendant, because of the ruling of the Court, may not appear.

When the Communists occupied Shanghai in 1949, the complainant went to Taiwan but later brought Lily to Hong Kong to see Sun Fo. She telephoned Sun Fo and it was then that Sun told her that he would never be able to return to China. As he had no wish to go to Taiwan, Hong Kong was the only place he could stay. He told her that he would send Lam Li to see her and arrange maintenance for the girls.

Later in September, 1949, she was introduced to Pakson Chan who said that he was to act as the go-between with Sun Fo. He told her that he would make arrangements for her to see Sun Fo but later said that Sun was willing to look after the girls until they graduated from the University.

A place of residence was discussed and a complaintant found a suitable house in Kowloon. On January 18, Pakson Chan told complainant that Sun had instructed him to tell her that he (Sun) was willing to support the children and not her.

Alleged assault

Next day, after hearing that Sun Fo was leaving for Brazil, the complainant visited Sun Fo at Repulse Bay. She was assaulted by the servants of the house and her friends made a report to the Police. However after the Police Inspector had visited the house, he was in conference with Madame Sun Fo for more than an hour and then took the complainant to the hospital for a medical examination. After the examination nothing more was done by the Police about the assault.

Mr. Silva also said that while the complainant was being assaulted by the servants, Sun Fo was standing by on the "sidewalk" and made no attempt to stop the assault.

Thus, concluded Mr. Silva, it became clear to the complainant that Sun Fo had never had any intention of supporting his daughters and the only way she could obtain support was through the medium of the Hong Kong Courts.

At the conclusion of the opening, Mr. Silva said that he was

Reminders

Today

Diocesan Girls School concert, at School premises, 8.15 p.m.
Toc II meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
European YMCA Services Spot-light, 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.
European YMCA Debating Society, debate on "That This House Favour the Abolition of the Death Penalty in Britain", 8.45 p.m.

HK Amateur Radio Transmitting Society, meeting, at China Fleet Club Theatre, 5.30 p.m.
HK & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., annual general meeting, Telephone House, 8 p.m.
Cheong's Services Club, Dancing Class, 9 p.m.

Sino-British Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 6.15 p.m.

European YMCA, Women's Section, Whist Drive, 10 a.m.
History of Handwriting exhibition at British Council Library, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Dancing class, 2.30 p.m. Dinner, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Kowloon Rotary Club weekly luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club, annual general meeting, Cosmo Club, 7.30 p.m.

HK Women's International Club, informal dance for Servicemen, 7.30 p.m.

British Council weekly film show Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

HK University Chinese Society presents "The Fatal Shores", Entanglers Gymnasium, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.

Ceremonial Parade by 40th Infantry Division, at Shek Kong, 11 a.m.

St. Patrick's Society Annual Ball European YMCA Services Dance, 8 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.

Taipo Road chopper case

Committal proceedings against Chan Chai-man, 32-year-old unemployed, charged with wounding with intent to cause bodily harm, were heard before Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

It was alleged that defendant on January 31 on a hillside off Taipo Road inflicted multiple wounds with a chopper on his friend, Fung Siu-keung, following an allegation that complainant had had an affair with defendant's wife.

Fung, formerly connected with the gendarmier in Kowloon, said that he knew defendant's wife, Young Yau-kuen, when they were children, and knew defendant for seven or eight years. Their paths met again in Canton last October following the evacuation of Kowloon by the Nationalists.

After the occupation of Canton by the Communists both defendant and complainant came to Hong Kong where on January 31 after a meeting at a tea house in Shek Kip Mei Village defendant was alleged to have lured Fung to a hillside and there inflicted 45 wounds on complainant.

Dr. B. S. Ng, Medical Officer of Kowloon Hospital, testified on complainant's wounds when he was admitted to the hospital.

Hearing was adjourned to March 20.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices retailed at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were:

First quality	Average price	Second quality	Average price
Yellow Croaker	\$1.77	a catty	\$1.63
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Clay Fish	1.45	1.42	
Snapper	1.53	1.30	
White Pomfret (large)	2.25	2.25	
Mackerel (large)	2.04	1.45	
(small)	1.50	1.50	
Golden Thread	1.25	1.10	
Head Grunt	1.15	1.11	
Horse Head (small)	1.54	1.25	
Conger Pike	1.44	1.27	
Hair Tail	.74	.45	

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probable that the case would be a long-drawn out one more dates for hearing should be fixed. It was finally decided that the following additional days be fixed for the hearing of the case: May 7, 5, 10, 11, 15, 16 and 19.

The next hearing of the case is fixed for March 21.

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Master testifies in Wing Hing inquiry

Mr. S. G. Haines, master of the wrecked British blockade runner, Wing Hing, told the Marine Court of Inquiry yesterday that in his opinion his ship was diverted from her normal course by a very strong North Westerly gale.

His reasons for making the statement under cross-examination by the three-man Court were that for some time before and after 8 p.m. on February 11—five and three-quarter hours before the vessel struck bottom—the weather was quite clear, visibility was at least six to seven miles, and there was no sign of land.

Witness, who was recalled into the box at the resumption of yesterday's hearing for cross-examination by the Court, declared he considered the ship was influenced by the set from the time after 8 p.m. that night.

Asked by the Court whether he saw anything which enabled him to judge the distance of visibility, Mr. Haines said that he estimated it by the horizon. He added that it was possible that he might have over-estimated the distance.

Witness told the Court earlier at the beginning of his cross-examination—yesterday—that it was not to his knowledge whether the ship was affected by wind, sea and swell.

During the passage from Chai Ping Island to Ching Ping Point, where the ship was stranded, the wind, light and sea were "rarely above Force 3," Mr. Haines said. They were not concentrated on any particular direction.

The sea was slight, with swells on the port quarter for the greater part of the trip. The swells were not sufficient enough to affect the steering, he added.

From his observations of the steering, he did not notice any amount of appreciable turning of the wheel. He did not notice whether there was a tendency to one side or the other.

Course checked

How often did you check your course during the last passage? Frequently, but without fixed intervals. I checked on the steering compass. The compasses were compared on setting the course.

Witness added that he checked the course at the beginning of the watch.

When he turned over the watch to his acting second officer, Mr. Haines declared, he was most emphatic on keeping a good lookout. He also instructed his subordinate to prevent the seaman on the look-out from leaving his post. The usual routine instructions were further briefed to the mate regarding the course of the ship, steering and to inform him immediately when anything was sighted.

Mr. Haines stated that he altered the course on 11 a.m. on February 11 because he had passed the most dangerous part of the Journey. Witness verified his statement by saying that by dangerous he meant attack by surface craft.

He selected the course of 255 degrees true because he regarded it as safe. Distance of all points en route to Hong Kong.

The Wing Hing was "clean" and had been out of dock for three weeks before her mishap.

What influenced you to alter your course at 11.45 p.m. that night? I intended to put the ship further to sea and took the 255 degrees standard compass course.

He considered he would pass Ching Ping Point at the minimum distance of seven miles, and probably as much as 10 miles.

Asked why the log was not kept in order as from a certain date, witness replied that he had just joined the ship and had no time to re-organise everything. He had intended to do so.

He said that language difficulty in explaining matters of this kind was one reason for the delay.

Mr. Haines stated that he found the chief officer had changed course in the morning of February 11. This he declared did not satisfy him, although there had been no standing orders among his officers that any change should require his approval first.

The Court adjourned to today after Mr. Haines had drawn his course on a chart for the Court's consideration.

Mr. Marcus da Silva, counsel for Mr. Haines, will begin his examination of witness today.

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THE SEA BLOCKADE
On February 22 we published an interview with Mr. Waldemar Isbrandtson, who came up here on a visit with his family. Mr. Isbrandtson expressed his personal views on the subject of the Nationalist sea blockade. Unfortunately both in the headline and in the lead paragraph these views were identified with those of the Company by whom he is employed in the Philippines. This was due to a misunderstanding on the part of our reporter. Mr. Isbrandtson was in no wise authorized to speak for the Pacific Far East Line, and was merely giving his own personal opinions on the subject.

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Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette of March 10, 1950 or from the Crown Lands & Survey Office.

E. A. BOYCE,
Director of Public Works.
Hongkong February 28, 1950.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 4th Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 25th March, 1950, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 16th March, 1950.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary

THE HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE, LIMITED

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

As from Monday, 20th, March, 1950, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, Limited, will be situated at Edinburgh House, 8th floor, Ice House Street entrance.

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ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, 8, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, March 15, 1950, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 1949, and for the appointment of Auditors and Declaration of Dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from March 6 to March 15, 1950 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. S. YUAN,
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Hong Kong, March 1, 1950.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st March, 1950, to the 15th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

AND NOTICE is hereby also given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the same place on the same day at the conclusion of the Ordinary Yearly Meeting for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:—
"That the Board of Directors of the Company be requested not to exercise, for the time being, their power to offer the unissued capital of the Company to existing shareholders and that their Press announcement dated the 8th March, 1949, shall accordingly be regarded as withdrawn."

By Order of the Board,
A. SOMMERFELT,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, February 6, 1950.

NOTICE

CLUB DE RECREIO LAWN BOWLS SECTION

Members interested in Bowls are notified that a meeting will be held at the Club on Monday, 27th March, 1950, at 6.30 p.m. for the purpose of electing a subcommittee for the current year.

C. P. BASTO,
Bowls Convenor.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 17th day of March, 1950, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949.
2. To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1949.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 4th March, 1950 to the 17th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G.B.S. THOMSON,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, February 23, 1950.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 17th March, 1950, at 12.20 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following as a Special Resolution, viz:—

"That the Authorized Capital of the Company (which is now \$1,000,000.00 consisting of 100,000 Shares of the nominal value of \$10.00 each, of which 80,000 Shares have been issued) be increased to \$20,000,000.00 by the creation of 1,900,000 additional Shares of the nominal value of 10.00 each, and that such Shares be issued at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit."

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G.B.S. THOMSON,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, February 21, 1950.

POLICE NOTICE

RENEWAL OF DOG LICENCES, 1950

1. Owners of dogs are reminded that they should renew their licences before March 31, 1950, after which date failure to comply with this order may result in prosecution.

2. Owners are reminded all dogs now require a Government anti-rabies inoculation permit or an inoculation certificate signed by an approved veterinary surgeon dated within the previous month before a licence can be issued or renewed.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

March 13, 1950.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hong Kong, on Friday, 31st day of March, 1950, at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th day of March to the 31st day of March, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATTERSON,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, March 10, 1950.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, the 16th day of March, 1950, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 4th March to 16th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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Hong Kong, February 22, 1950.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Ordinary Yearly Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 31st day of March, 1950, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1949.
2. To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1949.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 18th March, 1950 to the 31st March, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, March 13, 1950.

U.S.R.C.

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GO AFTER OWN TRICKS
THREE are two diametrically opposed ways of planning your defence against some contries. One of those is the effort to cut down the number of tricks takeable by the declarer. The other is to go after tricks for your own side. As between them, the latter is a much more positive, aggressive and competitive attitude, and it pays dividends more often than the other.

North went negative. Seeing the danger of dummy's long hearts, he decided to keep the spade K from being a third trump round re-entry, so led the diamond 4, which the big spade ruffed. West then breezed home. He led to the club A, took out the last trump with the 10 and ran hearts. On the last he discarded the club 6 and had two trumps left for the last two tricks, making the contract.

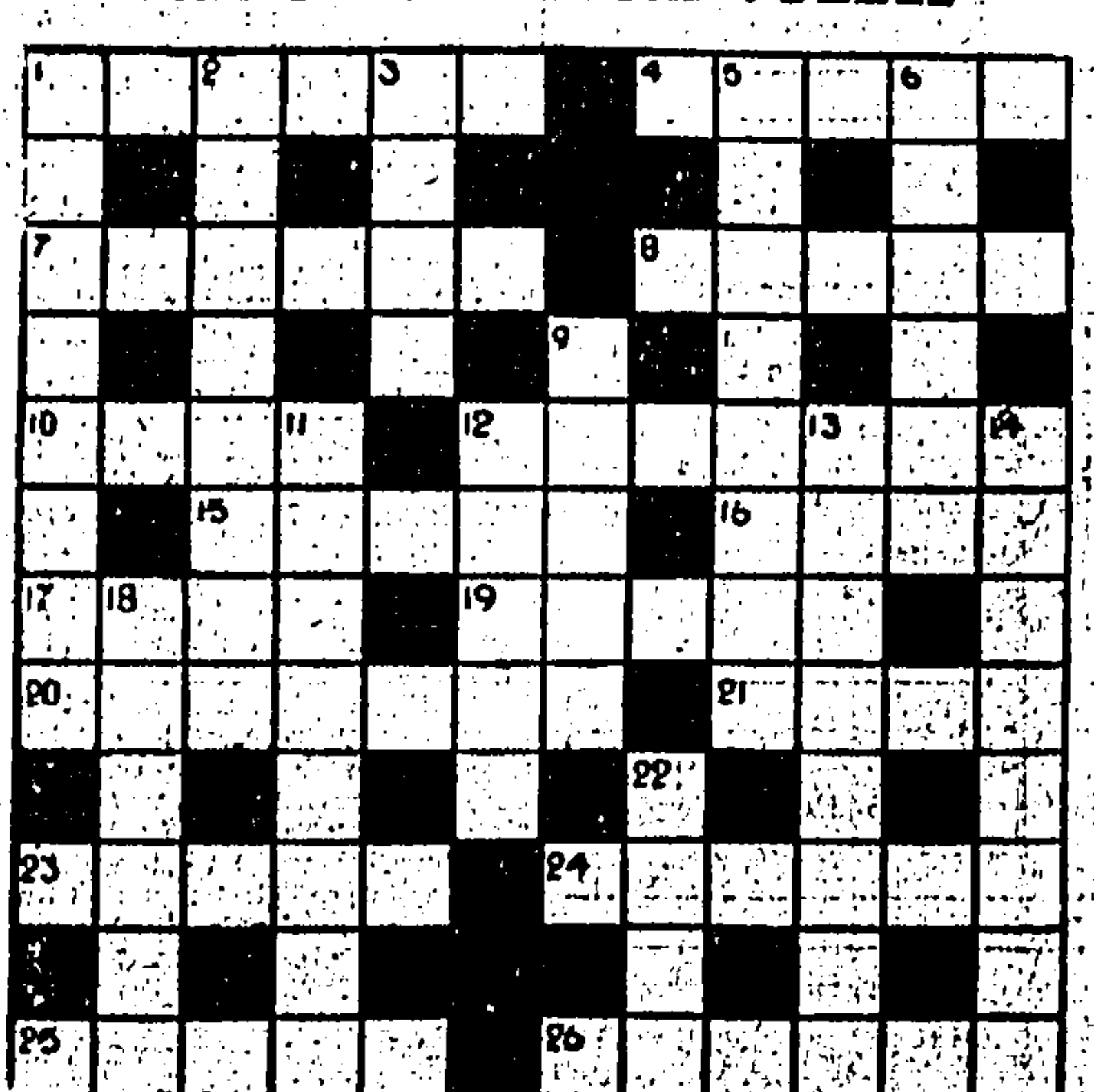
Suppose South had gone after tricks for his own side after winning the diamond lead. North surely had something for his No Trump bid. South should have returned his heart 7. North would have won with the A, returning the 3 for South to trump. South then should have led the club 9. The A would have won and a "spade" lead would have gone to the A. Then the club 5 to the K would have brought another heart for South to ruff, setting the contract three tricks.

Tomorrow's Problem
S 7 3 S A B 4 2
H A 9 2 H Q 7
D K Q 8 3 D A 4
C Q 6 5 2 C A K J 9 8
S K Q J 10 5
H 6 5 3
D 10 7 6
C 10 4

Let's forget the bidding; sins which deprived North and South of the diamond game, they might have made, and consider their bold defensive play.

South won the diamond 5 lead with the K and then applied negative thought to what he saw. The singleton in dummy caused him to work against ruffs there by West. He scored the spade A and led the 8 to the Q. West let the heart 4 to his K, which North took with the A. Now

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Across

- 1 Threepold.
- 4 Foam.
- 7 Undergo.
- 10 Narrative.
- 12 Separate clause.
- 15 Fox.
- 16 Appeal.
- 17 Remitted.
- 19 Common.
- 20 Commission.
- 21 Fastidious.
- 23 Dictate.
- 24 Operatic ruler.
- 25 Carouse.
- 26 Holiday.

Yesterday's Crossword
Across—3 Biography, 6 Romance, 9 Intimate, 11 Accepted, 13 Mere, 15 Ingot, 16 Dared, 19 Earl, 23 Headline, 24 Rayville, 25 Precip, 26 Tiresome.

Down

- 1 Formal essay.
- 2 Lazy.
- 3 Bird.
- 5 Supporter.
- 6 Spirit.
- 9 Rendezvous.
- 11 Fascinate.
- 12 Divert.
- 13 Unmarried.
- 14 Sovereign.
- 16 Requisition.
- 22 Mature.

DOWN—1 Broad, 2 Brisk, 3 Supend, 4 Lent, 5 Grid, 6 Image, 7 Headed, 10 Tender, 14 Gavel, 15 Tenders, 16 Secret, 17 Driver, 20 Hitch, 21 Cease, 22 Hill, 23 Alps.

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INDIA AND PAKISTAN SAID CLOSE TO WAR

Dacca, Pakistan, March 14.

A well-informed neutral source in the capital of East Bengal said today that India and Pakistan are about as close to conflagration as they have ever been.

The problem of averting war and the settlement of current Hindu-Muslim and economic troubles will require wise statesmanship, he said.

The general opinion of Muslims in East Pakistan is that the present disturbances are part of an Indian plan. One objective, Pakistanis say, would be to divert the United Nations Security Council's attention from the Kashmir question. — Associated Press.

QUIRINO ON ASIAN TREATY

Manila, March 14.

President Elpidio Quirino today praised a statement attributed to the U.S. Ambassador-at-large, Philip C. Jessup, that the security of the Atlantic and Pacific nations is indivisible.

But the Philippines President states that his proposed South East Asia Union will have no military provisions. Many South East Asia nations will refuse to join any pact having as its purpose a military alliance, he said.

The Manila Chronicle quoted Mr. Quirino, who is visiting at the mountain resort of Baguio, as saying the Filipinos are a peaceful people and do not want to fight.

"We will fight if cornered," added Mr. Quirino in the "Chronicle" report.

Other correspondents of Manila newspapers covering the President's daily Press conferences at Baguio gave similar reports, but without quoting the language used by the "Chronicle" article. No official version was given out by the Press Office.

Mr. Quirino said plans for convening a conference to settle details of the South East Asia Union are progressing and it still is hoped to have the meeting in Baguio within a month.

After that, Mr. Quirino said, he will probably visit many South East Asia nations, both to repay visits of their representatives here and to stimulate interest in an exchange of cultural, economic and political ideals of mutual benefit to this area. — Associated Press.

RUSSIA SIGNS RADIO PACT

London, March 13.

The Radio-Weigh Convention, which will bring 139 channels in European wavelengths on Wednesday, has been ratified by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, according to a Tass news agency message received here today.

(The Convention was agreed upon at Copenhagen in 1948, after Russia had several times threatened to walk out of the Ukrainian and Byelo-Russian delegates took part. It was signed by the representatives of 25 countries in September, 1949. — Reuter.

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NO FEAR OF WORLD RUIN

Washington, March 13.

One of the original members of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, Mr. Lewis L. Strauss, does not think that there is any basis to fear that hydrogen bomb warfare would destroy the world.

Mr. Strauss, who is to retire from the Commission on May 15, expressed this opinion in a copy-righted interview in "United States News and World Report," an independent weekly news magazine.

"I do not think that there is any basis to fear that," he said when asked if he agreed with the theory that the world could destroy itself with the hydrogen bomb.

"Pollution of the world to such a point would entail an effort far beyond that needed to win a war between major Powers," he said.

Mr. Strauss said that the H-bomb could devastate areas the size of cities—perhaps even the kind of territory that could be occupied by a mobilized army but he added that atomic weapons are not the only ones which are modern threats to life over considerable areas. Man-made plagues and diseases are no less terrible to contemplate.

"It would not surprise me to learn that there is a relationship between the atomic explosion produced by Russia last year and the secret atomic information which Dr. Klaus Fuchs confessed he sent to the Soviet Union," he said.

He estimates that a prototype atomic power unit for ships will be completed within a few years, but it is considerably longer before an atomic-powered airplane can be produced.

Aircraft at the moment cannot bear the weight of the thick, heavy barriers required to protect the atomic power unit, he said. — Reuter.

Slim chances

Pakistanis here talk war too—but from the standpoint of defence, the neutral source observed. Newspapers declare that if India marches on Pakistan, the latter will march on India.

The East Bengal Premier declared last week that Pakistan does not want war "but if India wants war she will find us fully prepared."

Nevertheless, it is doubtful that anyone here believes East Bengal could do any more than resist for a short time any Indian invasion or "police action," similar to that against the big-princely state of Hyderabad.

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European union a necessity

New York, March 13. Lord Layton, Vice-President of the European Assembly, declared here today that some form of political and economic union in Europe is of the utmost urgency and stressed that the problem of a united Europe had its repercussions in Asia.

"For example, France is in the first rank of the anti-Communist front in Europe and in Asia where, for the last five years, she has been fighting in Indo-China for the common cause of the democracies," Lord Layton, who is touring America, told journalists.

"I believe that at this moment, when the question arises whether or not the Soviets, now dominating half of Europe, demand all be closed at a secret three-day meeting of Canadian, American and British scientists opening here on Wednesday.

None of the information will be made public. Even if it were, one official said, it would be so technical that the newspapers probably would not print it.

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NZ QUAKE

Wellington, March 13. Earth tremors jarred Wellington and North and South Islands today. There were no immediate reports of damage. — Associated Press.

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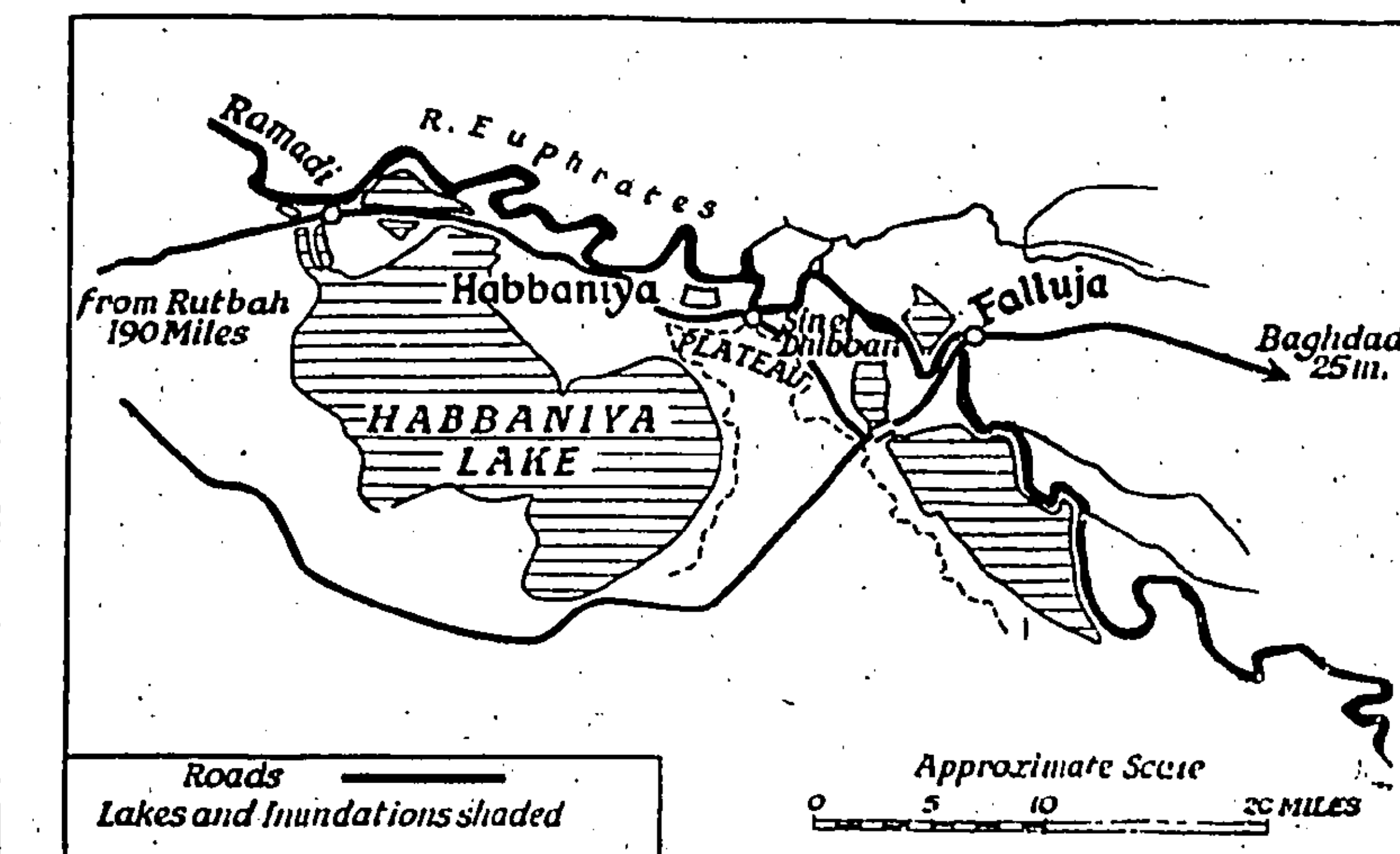
The onslaught continues

By Winston Churchill



The onslaught continued on the second day, when troop-carrying aircraft made their appearance. Although Malme airfield remained under our close artillery and mortar fire, troop-carriers continued to land upon it and in the rough ground to the West. The German High Command seemed indifferent to losses, and at least 100 planes were wrecked by crash-landing in this area. Nevertheless, the build-up continued. A counter-attack made that night reached the edge of the airfield, but with daylight the German Air Force reappeared and the gains could not be held. On the third day Malme became an effective operational airfield for the enemy. Troop-carriers continued to arrive at a rate of more than 20 an hour. Even more decisive was the fact that they could also return for reinforcements. Altogether it was estimated that in these and

the ensuing days more than 400 troop-carriers landed or crashed more or less successfully on the airfield. Under the increasing pressure of these growing forces the plan for a major counter-attack had finally to be abandoned, and the 5th New Zealand Brigade gradually gave way until they were nearly 10 miles from Malme.



HABBANIYA — FALLUJA

At Cana and Suda there was no change, and at Retimo the situation was well in hand. At Heraklion the enemy were landing East of the airfield, and an effective hostile lodgment there began and grew. After the opening attacks on May 20 the German High Command switched off Retimo and Heraklion and concentrated mainly on the Suda Bay area.

On the look-out

Air reconnaissance, having reported the presence of caiques (motor-driven schooners) in the

most inhuman spirit. We have got to remember this when pondering peace moves or peace offers. It is not always easy for reasonable men who do really want peace to find a way when they look upon Soviet methods, and at the same time witness reactionary politicians elsewhere hot on the trail of liberalism and decent people. And certainly if it were simply a choice of complete annihilation of one or the other of the two major camps into which the world is divided, the prospect would be grim beyond expression.

Total diplomacy is not total war, however. It is still diplomacy. The phrase expresses in essence the indivisibility of security. We cannot be secure in the West and insecure in the East. We should not be too quick in claiming to be so much more moral than our fathers in diplomacy. But at least the West cannot go back to the mid-Victorian days of diplomatic trading, of which China was one of the most conspicuous victims at the turn of the century—and was again specifically named as a pawn, in the new Moscow Pact. For it isn't any longer a matter of slicing the Persian or Chinese or any other lemon, or of carving up Turkey. It is a question of ways of life—of all we have and are.

troops, under Rear-Admiral Rawlings, who were hastening through the Cythera Strait from the Westward to support them. Almost at the moment when the Warship arrived she was hit by a bomb which wrecked her star-board 4-inch and 6-inch batteries and reduced her speed, and as the enemy had now escaped the combined British squadrons drew off to the South Westward.

Costly days

May 22 and 23 were costly days for the Navy. The destroyer, Greyhound, in Admiral Rawlings' squadron was bombed and sunk. Admiral King, senior officer of the now combined forces, ordered two other destroyers to rescue survivors and the cruisers Gloucester and Fiji to protect them against air attack, which was incessant and

During the night Admiral Cunningham learned the general situation and of the loss of the Gloucester and Fiji. Owing to a clerical error in the signal distribution office at Alexandria it appeared to him as if not only the cruisers, but the battleships also, had expended nearly all their A.A. ammunition. At 4 a.m. therefore he ordered all forces to retire to the Eastward. In fact the battleships had ample ammunition, and Cunningham has stated since that had he known this he would not have withdrawn them. Their presence, the following morning might possibly have prevented another disaster which must now be recorded.

Two ships sunk

At dawn on the 23rd the Kelly and Kashmir were retiring at full speed round the West of Crete. After surviving two heavy air attacks they were overtaken at 7.55 a.m. by a formation of 24 dive-bombers. Both ships were quickly sunk, with a loss of 210 lives.

Fortunately, the destroyer Kipling was nearby and, despite continuous bombing, rescued from the sea 270 officers and men, including Lord Louis Mountbatten, while she herself remained unsunk. Next morning, while still 50 miles away from Alexandria, she crowded from stem to stern with men, she ran completely out of fuel but was safely met and towed in.

Thus in the fighting of May 22 and 23 the Navy had lost two cruisers and three destroyers sunk; one battleship, the Warspite, put out of action for a long time, and the Valiant and many other units considerably damaged. Nevertheless, the seaguard of Crete had been maintained. The Navy had not failed. Not a single German landed in Crete from the sea until the battle for the island was ended.

(Mr. Churchill here resumes the story of the defence of Crete under General Freyberg against the overwhelming enemy air and paratroop attacks which started on May 20, 1941.) Late on May 26 grave news reached Wavell from Freyberg, "I regret to have to report," said Freyberg, "that in my opinion the limit of endurance has been reached by the troops under my command here at Suda Bay. No matter what decision is taken by the Commanders-in-Chief, from a military point of view, our position here is hopeless. A small, ill-equipped and immobile force such as ours cannot stand up against the concentrated bombing that we have been faced with during the last seven days. I feel I should tell you this from an administrative point of view of the difficulties of extricating this force in full are insuperable. Provided a decision is reached at once, a certain proportion of the force might be embarked."

To Freyberg I telegraphed, May 27, 1941. Your glorious defence commands admiration in every land. We know enemy is hard pressed. All aid in our power is being sent. Prime Minister to Commanders-in-Chief Middle East. May 27, 1941. Victory in Crete essential at this turning-point in the war. Keep hurling in all aid you can. But that night we learned that all hope of success was gone. General Wavell to Prime Minister. May 27, 1941. Fear that situation in Crete most serious. Cana front has collapsed and Suda Bay only likely to be covered for another 24 hours at most. There is no possibility of hurrying reinforcements.

2. On the 2nd the island itself our troops, majority of whom had most severe trial in Greece from overwhelming air attack, have been subjected to same conditions on steadily increasing scale in Crete. Such continuous and unopposed air attack must drive stoutest troops from positions sooner or later and makes administration practically impossible. 3. Telegram just received from Wavell states only chance of survival of force in Suda area is to withdraw to



Tokyo waitress bites the lip of a too-forward customer. I'll have none of your lip, she said, or perhaps on second thoughts I will.

A Hong Kong clerk wrote to Detroit asking for a share of money willing to a parrot. But he only got the bird.

Deve taled. Any resemblance between Stalin and the dove of peace is impurely intentional.

"St. John's is stronger." No doubt. But St. Julien is more palatable.

Other people's hobbies. Woman in a Glasgow restaurant hid a mouse in her food. Helpings must be getting bigger in the old country. You couldn't have done that when I was home last.

We were also regaled yesterday with the story of the restaurant cook who shot a customer when he complained about the price of a hamburger sandwich. From now on patrons are expected to say when ordering: no onions or bullets, please.

"Expectant mothers to hear baby talk." These modern stethoscopes are just too, too marvellous.

Rain off terror. Only 90 days' supply of water is left in the Colony. The queue for this year's rain goddess forms on the right.

Shameen to tell me that these foreigners in Canton were only having a rest, not arrest?

The U.S. State Department has been described as a Communist front. Stalin, in his new ever-loving role, has returned the compliment by nominating Bernard Baruch as chairman of the Cominform.

My kingdom for a Norse? Over in Brussels, Leopold thought he could referend 'em, but it turned out to be fifty fifty.

You may have forgotten it—I had, until I was reminded the other night of Hornung's delightful comment on Conan Doyle's novels: "He may be more humble, but there's no police like Holmes."

beaches in South of Island, hiding by day and moving by night. Force at Retimo reported cut off and short of supplies. Force at Heraklion also apparently almost surrounded.

Fear we must recognise that Crete is no longer tenable and that troops must be withdrawn as far as possible. It has been impossible to withstand weight of enemy air attack, which has been on unprecedented scale and has been through force of circumstances practically unopposed.

We had to face once again the bitter and dismal task of an evacuation, and the certainty of heavy losses. The harassed, overstrained Fleet had to undertake the embarkation of about 22,000 men, mostly from the open beach at Sphakia, across 300 miles of sea dominated by hostile air forces.

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GOVERNMENT WINS CONFIDENCE VOTE IN THE COMMONS

London, March 13.
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TUDOR DISASTER INQUIRY

Cardiff, March 13.
A full public inquiry has been ordered to tell the sorrowing nation why a chartered airliner crashed near Cardiff yesterday, killing 80 persons.

Tearful, dazed relatives, meanwhile, continued the grim process of claiming the bodies of the victims of history's worst plane disaster.

The King and the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, led Britain in mourning the tragic fate of 75 fun-loving Welshmen who had travelled to Belfast for the rugby football match between Wales and Ireland. They, plus a crew of five, died in the disaster.

Government experts and officials of Fairflight Limited, owners of the plane, continue to examine the twisted remnants of the Tudor V strewn in a field only 60 yards from the edge of the airport.

It was announced to a hushed House of Commons that Lord Pakenham, the Civil Aviation Minister, had ordered a public court of inquiry. No date has been set for the hearing, which will attempt to fix the cause of the crash.

The announcement came in response to a question from Mr. Winston Churchill, who asked at the opening of the day's session for a Government statement on the tragedy.

The Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Frank Beswick, said, "The Minister asks me to say that he cannot adequately express his regret at this tragic happening of yesterday. Our hearts go out to Wales and the Welsh people in their hour of sorrow."

"The victims have been taken from us at a moment of joyous homecoming after a hard earned holiday. The sudden, bitter contrast between safety and disaster must make it particularly hard to bear."

Air Vice-Marshal Bennett, head of the company which owned the plane, who also examined the shattered remains of the crashed plane today, made no statement. Last night he merely said: "As far as I can see, everything was in correct order. The 83 people on board were a load well within the certificate of airworthiness requirements for this particular machine."—Associated Press.

EMPIRE'S STAND ON JAPAN

London, March 13.
All the Commonwealth delegations at the recent Colombo Conference were agreed on the importance of making peace with Japan as soon as possible. Mr. Kenneth Younger, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told Parliament today.

"A proposal to establish a working party of Commonwealth officials in London to consider further the terms of settlement, which was generally approved, is being followed up," he added.

Mr. William Teeling, Conservative, had asked what conclusions were to be drawn at Colombo about a peace treaty with Japan and what had been done since then to prepare for such a treaty.—Reuter.

With all Members of the House present the Government majority is six.

As on last Thursday, when it scraped through by 14 in the confidence vote on steel nationalisation—second only to housing as a national issue—every available Socialist Member was rallied to a vote on which the Government would have resigned if defeated.

Last Thursday's unprecedented scenes in the House—when Mr. Winston Churchill's (the Opposition leader's) first challenge by 14 votes—were tensely repeated. Members squatted or stood elbow to elbow in the high, square panelled Chamber.

The battle was waged against the radicals when the Government, home-hungry Britain still scarred by the war, with young married couples living with their parents, gravely over-crowded bedrooms and between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 people on waiting lists for houses.

Bevan attacked

The debate on the King's Speech laying down Government policy—before when the Conservative, Mr. Walter Elliott, moved an amendment regretting that there was no reference to the "growing distress in town and country arising out of the continuing decline in the number of new houses built each year."

Mr. Elliott first attacked the Health Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, for rashness in saying last year, "We are now within sight of providing for every separate family the comfort and privacy of a separate household."

Minister's reply

In the long debate before the vote, the Conservatives blasted Mr. Bevan from all sides.

Mr. Bevan replied: "If I go down in history as nothing else, I will go down as the barrier between the people of Great Britain and the speculative builder."

The Conservatives had claimed that Britain is short 6,000,000 homes, described the Labour's whole housing policy as a flop, and demanded that Mr. Attlee resign.

Mr. Bevan and other Labour party members retorted that the Conservatives, if they had their way, would turn the speculative builder loose on housing for private sale, while the poor went homeless.

Liberal attitude

Earlier in the day, the nine-man Liberal bloc in the House of Commons made it clear that it would not support the Conservative motion of no-confidence in the Government's housing programme, making a Labour victory almost certain.

Liberal Lady Megan Lloyd George, daughter of the great World War I Prime Minister, said she knew Britain's housing situation was grave, but she did not think the Conservatives could handle the problem any better than the Socialists.

She indicated that the nine Liberals would abstain when the Commons divided on the Conservative amendment regretting that the King's speech failed to mention the critical housing problem.

All but half a dozen of the Labour Members of Parliament were present for today's voting and at least six of the nine Liberal Members of Parliament were seen from the Press gallery to enter the Government lobby. Liberal leaders had indicated earlier that they would abstain but apparently some changed their minds later.

Tellers were not immediately available for an exact breakdown. The Government, emboldened by its two victories, is sure it can also survive tomorrow's Commons division.—Reuter.

RIFF LEADER'S WARNING

New York, March 13.
The 25,000,000 inhabitants of Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia are prepared to revolt unless they receive independence, Riff leader Abd el Krim was quoted as stating in a "New York Times" despatch today.

He is Emir of the Riff and President of the National Liberation Committee of North Africans. The "Times" despatch, from Mr. C. L. Sulzberger in Cairo, quoted Abd el Krim as adding that 5,000,000 men are ready to bear arms in the cause of North African freedom.

If the order for insurrection is given, Abd el Krim said, there would be mass desertions from the Spanish and French armies of native troops sympathetic to the revolutionary cause.

The correspondent said that Abd el Krim stated that he considers Communism and the Soviet ideology abhorrent, but if war becomes the only means of achieving independence he will be prepared to accept arms and support from any quarter, including Moscow.

He argued that Ho Chi-minh in Indo-China had been driven into an exactly similar choice by French political shortsightedness prior to the Vietnam revolt, the correspondent said.

Abd el Krim led the Riff insurrection against Spain, and eventually France from 1922 to 1926.—Reuter.

BANK ROBBER KILLS MAN

Bristol, March 13.
Fleeing bank robbers, with an excited, yelling crowd close on their heels, today killed a man who tried to stop them.

The bandits walked into a branch of Lloyds Bank here and held up the manager and the bank guard at the point of a gun. Then they grabbed a handful of notes—about £50—and raced into the street.

First they jumped on a bus. But the bank guard stopped it. The robbers sprang off and took to their heels along the crowded streets. Pedestrians gave chase. Shopkeepers joined in until about 20 people were chasing the gunmen.

Robert George Taylor, aged 30, sprang in front of them and wrestled with one of the bandits. There was a shot and Taylor collapsed with a bullet in his face. He died soon afterwards in hospital.

The police later detained two men but withheld their names. It was in Bristol that a gunman—still unidentified and at large—shot a bank manager dead and escaped with £1,000 in January, 1949.—Reuter.

The fire was believed to have begun in a room where candles were stored. The flames soon spread through the organ loft and up to the roof.

Priests formed a bucket chain and firemen hoisted a water tower, nearly 100 feet high, in the street outside when it was feared that the flames would envelop the roof.

The church, which was built in 1894, in Renaissance style, had only just been renovated after war damage.—Reuter.

POLITBURO MEMBERS "ELECTED"

London, March 13.
Radio Moscow reported today that 12 members of the Soviet Politburo, including Josef Stalin and Vyacheslav Molotov, were re-elected in Sunday's election.

The announcement made no specific mention of N. A. Voznesenski, former Deputy President of the Council of Ministers and Chairman of the State Planning Commission, who has sometimes been listed as a member of the Politburo.

He was relieved of his Planning Commission post in 1948 and has been under criticism on several occasions in the past two years.

Those listed as elected besides Stalin and Molotov were L. M. Kaganovich, K. E. Voroshilov, A. Mikoyan, A. A. Andreyev, N. S. Khrushchev, G. M. Malenkov, L. P. Beria, N. M. Shvernik, N. A. Bulganin and A. N. Kosygin.

The announcement said all were elected unanimously. Radio Moscow reported that 99.99 percent of the eligible voters cast ballots.

It said 111,008,625 persons registered to vote and 110,964,172 voted. The broadcast said the Central Electoral Commission would publish detailed results and names of the deputies elected to the Supreme Soviet on Wednesday.—United Press.

CEREMONY AT ST. PETER'S

Vatican City, March 13.
Pope Pius celebrated the eleventh anniversary of his reign today in a solemn ceremony attended by thousands of Holy Year pilgrims and the highest Church aristocracy.

The anniversary of the Pontiff's coronation fell on Sunday, but the ceremonies were postponed because they are never held on a Sabbath during the holy season of Lent.

The Pope entered St. Peter's Basilica at the head of a procession that included the College of Cardinals, generals of various religious orders, and scores of ecclesiastical dignitaries. The Pope was carried slowly through the rows of thousands of Holy Year pilgrims in the spacious Basilica to the Altar of Confession.

There, the Pontiff descended from the Gestatorial Chair, and took his place on the golden throne before the altar, while Benedict Cardinal Aloisi Masella recited High Pontifical Mass.

Special wooden stands were erected beside the altar for the Diplomatic Corps, visiting dignitaries, and members of the Roman aristocracy. One of these at the ceremony was Victoria Eugenia, Queen Mother of Spain.

As the Pontiff left the Basilica in his chair, he imparted a special Apostolic blessing.—United Press.

FIRE AT THE ORATORY

London, March 13.
People knelt in the streets to pray as priests helped firemen today to quell a blaze in the Brompton Oratory, one of London's best known Catholic Churches.

The fire was believed to have begun in a room where candles were stored. The flames soon spread through the organ loft and up to the roof.

Priests formed a bucket chain and firemen hoisted a water tower, nearly 100 feet high, in the street outside when it was feared that the flames would envelop the roof.

The church, which was built in 1894, in Renaissance style, had only just been renovated after war damage.—Reuter.

Britain's relations with Peking regime

London, March 13.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, hopes to make a statement on Britain's relations with Communist China as soon as negotiations, now progressing in Peking, are concluded. This was announced in Parliament today by Mr. Kenneth Younger, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Fitzroy MacLean, Conservative, had asked when Mr. Bevin intended to implement Britain's announced decision, to establish full diplomatic relations with the Communists in China and on what terms.

Mr. Younger replied: "Mr. J. C. Hutchison, the British Charge d'Affaires in China, is at present in Peking discussing with the Chinese People's Government certain preliminary and procedural questions in order to establish diplomatic relations."

"The Foreign Secretary hopes to make a further statement as soon as the discussions have concluded."—Reuter.

Premier rejects new approach to Soviet Russia

London, March 13.
The Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, today ruled out once more any new approach to the Soviet Union for outliving the atomic and hydrogen bombs.

"I do not think a new approach would get over the difficulty, which is the unwillingness of Russia to co-operate," Mr. Attlee told the House of Commons.

Mr. Attlee's remark was prompted by this question from Labourite Norman D. Dodds: "Will the Prime Minister take the initiative in calling a conference for the purpose of endeavouring to find ways and means of outliving the hydrogen bomb and all atomic weapons in view of the desire of the people that he should do so?"

Mr. Attlee replied: "The initiative has already been taken as long ago as 1945. We have been pressing this matter continuously and it is now before the United Nations."

The suggestion of a new top-level approach to Joseph Stalin was made by the Conservative leader, Winston Churchill, during the recent election campaign. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, waved it away as a stunt to get votes.

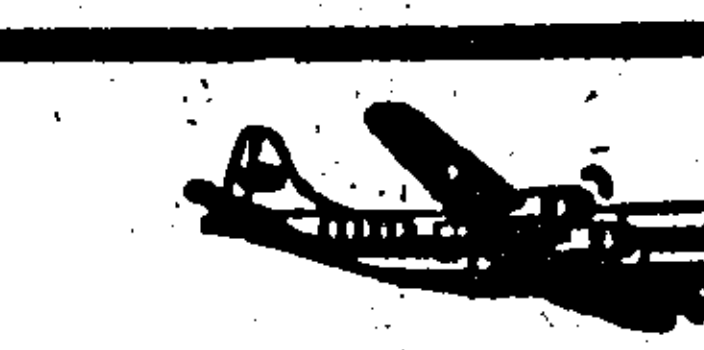
Conservative Sir Waldron Smithers then asked Mr. Attlee whether, in view of the betrayal of the West's atomic secrets by Communist Dr. Klaus Fuchs, the Labour Government will introduce a bill to outlaw Britain's Communist party.

"No Sir," Mr. Attlee said.

No reply

Mr. Attlee did not reply when Sir Waldron suggested he ask for the resignations of Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer; the Defence Minister, Emanuel Shinwell, and the War Minister, John Strachey, "before they can do any more damage to this country."

Lord Beaverbrook's "Evening Standard" and "Daily Express" have demanded the dismissal of Mr. Strachey on the ground that he has never disavowed his Communist sympathies of the 1930s.



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LOOK AHEAD FOR BEAUTY

By Carolyn Earle

A girl in her twenties may not believe now that one day she could overtake someone say, "Lovely skin and figure, but she's not as young as she used to be. That neck of hers is a give-away." If that does happen, she'll learn, too late, one of the most important lessons in beauty care—that prevention is not merely better than cure, it's more practical.

It is easy and pleasant for the young to deal with their looks as they are now, to plan a pretty hair style and make-up for next week's party, and leave next year and the year after to take care of themselves.

But it is a sensible girl who realises that one of the greatest beauty assets is the ability to think ahead.

Start doing that by checking up on throat and chin-line contour and texture.

Even for the quite young—it is not too soon to watch that outline, and if the skin is dry the neck and throat will need special care.

Let's hope, for the sake of the skin, that the day's grime and make-up are removed with cleansing cream every night, following this with soap and warm water, and finishing, if the skin is dry, with a little skin-food well massaged in.

Dry skin

Where skin is dry it is because the sebaceous glands are not supplying enough natural oil to keep its surface conditioned as it should be to preserve its soft, smooth surface.

It is then that face powder shows usually on the cheekbones and around the nostrils. Your nose may shine, but with a dry, glossy shine, like an onion skin or a dried-up leaf.

When natural, protective oils are missing there is nothing to protect it from the weather, and it then feels taut and tender instead of plump and smooth.

Next point, how far below the level of the jaw does that treatment go? Some may feel a little abashed by this question, so the answer will not be pressed. Do remember, though, that everything—literally everything—

which is done for the face should be continued down the neck. Throats seem to attract even more grime than faces; collars have a lot to do with this, and since the neck skin is drier and more creased than facial skin, grime is more difficult to remove from the neck.

Water wash

If you have not been in the habit of using cleansing cream on the throat it will surprise you to inspect the cottonwool after removal of the first cream application.

Follow this with the most thorough soap and water wash.

Dry the neck thoroughly with a soft towel, and even if facial skin is not dry enough to need skin food, give the neck an occasional dabble.

Massage it in, using the back of your hands with an upward, hand-over-hand movement which cuts straight across the natural creases, and carry each hand right up to the point of the chin.

Finish the whole thing off with a few minutes' smart patting, still using the back of the hands.

This regular treatment should go a long way towards achieving a smooth-skinned throat and a firm chin-line; but when a burst of enthusiasm or a special party prompts you to give yourself special facial care, perhaps a massage, don't forget the throat and chin.

Bleaching pack

Some girls like to give their necks—all the way round, and from chin to chest—an occasional special bleaching pack, and they are very wise to do so. Quite a good one can be made by mixing enough fine oatmeal with milk to make a paste and to this adding five or six drops of peroxide.

Don't forget, if you are a make-up user, to carry the foundation well under the chin, especially tinted foundations.

Nothing looks quite so unattractive or gives away make-up ineptitude so quickly as a hard line across the jaw where make-up suddenly stops.

Want a change?



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Women who like a change from the "classic" tailor-made will be interested in these three models.

Selecting, using slide fasteners

By DORIS DENISON

When you make your own clothes, use slide fasteners to insure a smooth fit. Your pattern will give you instructions for inserting them properly, or you can refer to the complete sewing instructions which come with all slide fasteners.

Slide fasteners have been designed for many purposes, and they are made in a wide variety of colours and lengths. Select the type which exactly suits your needs.

Most patterns will tell you the length each fastener should be. You can buy thread and slide fasteners in identical shades so that you are assured of a perfect match.

Skirt slide fasteners are open at the top and have a special locking device to keep them from

sliding open. This same type can be used for slacks, shorts, pedal pushers and neck openings as well as for skirt plackets.

Dress slide fasteners have a rounded metal end at the top which keeps the two slides from separating and prevents strain on the seam above the placket.

Separating fasteners are used on jackets, coats, and sweaters. They have an automatic lock which holds securely at any desired point.

Sewing hints

1. When you are not making a facing for the placket opening, make seams at least 5/8 of an inch wide.

2. Always leave room at the top of placket opening to allow for seam finishing at waist and neck. Make placket openings slightly longer than the lower metal edge of fastener so that the fabric can be eased to the fastener.

3. Ease the fabric to the tape as you baste so the fastener will not bulge after it is stitched.

4. A cording foot sewing machine attachment allows you to sew very close to the metal of the slide fastener.

5. Keep the slide fastener closed while you stitch it in the placket. Otherwise you cannot do a smooth job. Adjust your machine for a small stitch.

6. Press seams after each step. For the final pressing, place a turkish towel beneath the slide fastener and a damp pressing cloth over it.

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If some of the beads are loosened in the process, save them, because you can glue them to bare spots if there are gaps in the main design.

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Washington, March 13.

Owen Lattimore, well-known author and authority on China, and Haldore Hanson, former journalist and teacher in China, were among three State Department officials accused by Senator Joseph McCarthy today as being pro-Communists.

Senator McCarthy also accused the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, of hiding behind his security officer, the Deputy Under-Secretary, John Peurifoy.

He challenged Mr. Acheson to "stand up like a man and take the blame for this sorry situation."

At a stormy Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee hearing, the Wisconsin Republican kicked off these names of alleged bad security risks in the Government:

1. Haldore Hanson, 37-year-old State Department executive in charge of planning for President Truman's "Point Four" programme. Mr. McCarthy said Mr. Hanson is a man with a mission to Communise the world.

2. Owen J. Lattimore, former adviser to the late President Roosevelt, and now part-time State Department consultant on Far Eastern affairs. He has a long pro-Communist record, Mr. McCarthy said, and may already have done the United States inalienable and irreparable harm.

3. Mrs. Esther Calkin Brunauer, aged 48, a \$9,706 a year State Department official, named by Mr. McCarthy for Red-Front activities. Mr. McCarthy said the Government investigative report included reliable reports that she was a Communist, and recently contacted a Soviet espionage ring.

4. Mrs. Brunauer's husband, Stapsel Brunauer, Hungarian-born scientist, who served with the Navy from 1942 to 1946, and is now employed in the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance explosives development programme. Mr. McCarthy claims that Mr. Brunauer admitted to associates that he was a Communist.

Official denial

The State Department immediately denied the charges against Mr. Hanson and Mrs. Brunauer. A spokesman said both had been investigated and proved loyal.

Mr. McCarthy had promised to read to the Committee the full list of the 57 State Department employees he previously accused of Communism. But he broke off after reading Mr. Lattimore's "case history," to participate in the Senate debate on the housing bill.

The Navy said Mr. Brunauer is chief technical administrator of high explosives research and development for the Bureau of Ordnance.

Mrs. Lattimore told reporters that her husband is in Afghanistan on a United Nations mission, and is not expected back until around April 1. But she said Mr. Lattimore had always been anti-Communist.

Today's debate raised to five the number of persons whom Mr. McCarthy has labelled thus far to back up his allegation that Government payrolls are riddled with Communists and Communist sympathisers.

Last week he identified Miss Dorothy Kenyon, former member of a United Nations Commission, who is now in private law practice in New York. She retorted that Mr. McCarthy is an unmitigated liar. She is to testify here on Tuesday.

He also named the United States roving ambassador, Philip Jessup, who is returning to Washington from Paris on Tuesday to face the accusation.

Senator McCarthy said Mr. Brunauer has been under constant investigation by Government agencies for 10 years and that he was a close friend and collaborator of Noel Field, who disappeared recently in Eastern Europe.

Senator's charges

Senator McCarthy said Field is a known Communist. The facts about Mr. Brunauer were so very important that he would not discuss them fully in an open session. He asked permission to give the Committee a memorandum on that case.

Regarding Mr. Lattimore, Senator McCarthy said he was one of the principal architects of American Far Eastern policy and is repeatedly called in by the Department for special missions abroad or for work as a consultant. Mr. Lattimore served the late President, Roosevelt, as political adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in 1941. The Senator said he also accompanied the former Vice-President, Henry Wallace, on his wartime trip to China and added, "This man's record as a pro-Communist goes back many years."

Some of Senator McCarthy's statements, which he said proved Mr. Lattimore as a pro-Communist, included: 1. Mr. Lattimore served on the editorial board of the Magazine "America," whose managing editor, Philip Jaffe, was indicted and convicted for

possession of secret Government documents.

2. Mr. Lattimore had associated with Mr. Hanson and Dr. Philip Jessup, Jaffe and Frederick Vanderbilt Field all of whom Senator McCarthy has tabbed as showing affinity for pro-Communist causes.

Senator McCarthy said, "Here again we have the old familiar pattern of a member of an important policy-making group of the State Department collaborating with known Communists under the sponsorship of organizations officially declared subversive."

Reporter in China

The Brunauers also issued separate statements denying that they are Communists or Communist sympathisers. Mr. Brunauer acknowledged that in 1924 he joined an organisation called the Hungarian Section of the Young Workers League which he said did believe in Communist principles. But he said he left the League late in 1926, about a year before he became an American citizen. Both asked a chance to testify before the Senate sub-committee.

Senator McCarthy said Mr. Hanson was associated with pro-Communist endeavours as a writer and reporter in China since September, 1938. He read at length from Hanson's writings praising Chinese Communist leaders and the Chinese "Communist Army."

Senator McCarthy said Mr. Hanson showed a disturbing amount of hero worship for the Communist leader Mao Tse-tung, and his aides. He added, "Gentlemen, here is a man with a mission—a mission to Communise the world, a man whose energy and intelligence, coupled with a burning anti-consuming mission, has raised him by his own bootstraps from a penniless operator of a leftist magazine in Peking to the middle thrills to one of the architects of our foreign policy in the State Department today."

If the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, gets away with appointing Mr. Hanson, it would lend tremendous impetus to the tempo at which Communism is engulfing the world," he said Mr. Hanson would not be subject to Senate confirmation. His background included running a Communist magazine in China when the Sino-Japanese war broke out, several years with Communist armies in China as a writer and photographer and expressions of belief that Communists in China stand for everything that is great and good.

In Peking

From 1934 until 1939 Mr. Hanson lived in China teaching English at the YMCA Commercial College in Peking and at the Central China College in Wuhan. He was appointed to his new "point four" job on February 21.

Senator McCarthy called particular attention to a book written by Mr. Hanson around 1939 entitled "Human Endeavour" and urged that the Committee print the entire book in the record because copies are difficult to obtain. He said, "All copies of the book

were mysteriously disappeared. I had to borrow the publisher's copy."

Mr. Hanson told a news conference that Senator McCarthy's charges contained nothing new to the State Department and the FBI which had already cleared him on security grounds. He said, "Everything Mr. McCarthy said has some fact behind it as he referred to my public writings from 1937 to 1939. I was 25 to 27 years old then. I was working for Associated Press (in China) and I think I did a good job. But I don't know whether I would carry out the assignment now in the same manner."

Mr. Hanson added, "The facts that we have today against which to judge interviews which we had with the Chinese Communist leaders in 1938 are totally different from the ones we had then. At that time we were judging the Communists in relation to their resistance to the Japanese and now we are judging them in relation to world politics."

Mr. Hanson said the Time Magazine and Kent Cooper, managing director of Associated Press, had cited his dispatches at the time as especially noteworthy.

The sub-committee chairman, Millard Tydings said he would consult with the FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover, on the appointment of an expert staff to look into Senator McCarthy's charges.

—United Press.

INVASION OF MACEDONIA?

London, March 13.

Athens Radio declared today that at a recent Cominform meeting in Moscow, Russia and the Balkan States decided to invade Greek and Yugoslav Macedonia this spring and set up a Macedonian State.

The Radio director, in one of his periodic political talks, alleged that the plan was drawn up by M. Vukobratovic, the Bulgarian Prime Minister.

"A considerable number of Soviet troops are being brought to Bulgaria. A central dump of war materials has been set up at the Black Sea port of Varna. Airfields are being built all over Bulgaria for 1,000 Soviet planes," he asserted.

He likened the present political situation in the Balkans to that in the spring of 1941, when Greece was invaded by Germany.

—Reuter.

ATOMIC BOMB PLAN

Washington, March 13. Senator Ralph Flanders (Republican, Vermont) today urged the dispersal of atomic bombs in strategic areas of Western Europe.

The bombs, he told the Senate, should be used only as weapons of retaliation.

Senator Flanders said that arrangements should be made with the North Atlantic Treaty powers permitting atomic bombs, planes capable of delivering them, and trained crews to be stationed in widely dispersed and strategic points.—Reuter.

New approach wanted in Indonesia

Jakarta, March 13. Mr. S. H. Pookema, Ambassador of the Netherlands State Secretary for War, said today, "Misunderstandings and difficulties may arise in Indonesia unless there is a new approach by the Dutch."

He told a Press conference that he is convinced that it is left to the younger generation of the type in the Netherlands armed forces to create this new spirit.

The bulk of the 70,000 Dutch troops in Indonesia at the time of the transfer of sovereignty are expected to be repatriated to Holland by the end of September, he added.—Reuter.

HO SAID TO BE IN PEKING

Paris, March 13.

The French Press Agency said tonight in a despatch from Saigon that reports circulating there said that Ho Chi-minh (the insurgent leader in Indo-China) left several weeks ago for Peking to sign a treaty of alliance with Communist China.

The reports added that Ho Chi-minh, accompanied by his Foreign Minister and a member of the "All-Communist" Vietnamese Secret Committee, will then go to Moscow to negotiate a similar treaty with Russia.

Reports of negotiations between Bao Dai (head of the Vietnam Government) and Ho Chi-minh are based on rumours originating from persons representing only a small group within the Government, responsibility, official quarters in Saigon said today.

This had already been explained by M. Leon Pignon, French High Commissioner in Indo-China, who at a week-end Press conference, said that France would favour any move to master the end of the conflict between France and Dr. Ho Chi-minh's regime.

"If Bao Dai decided to negotiate with Vietnam the French Government would follow his efforts with interest," M. Pignon told the conference.

France would demand guarantees based upon her agreement of March 8 last year with Bao Dai should he move towards an understanding with Ho Chi-minh, M. Pignon said.

French official quarters here interpret M. Pignon's statement as meaning that Vietnam foreign policy must remain aligned with French policy.

France would welcome the end of an internal conflict which, however, could not be divorced from the international situation.

Were a cease fire to be possible in Indo-China, then French troops there would be limited to those necessary for garrison purposes and to protect strategic bases, as provided for in the 1949 agreement.

Official quarters assert that Ho Chi-minh is under the control of Moscow. They think that there is no possibility of Bao Dai and Ho Chi-minh drawing closer together, but should such a possibility arise, France would do her

FAR EAST AND NEUTRALITY

By WINDRUSH

In the first three years after the end of the war Russia devoted itself to manoeuvres in Europe. As a result, all Europe has become divided. Almost every country is either a satellite of Russia or else an ally, or possible ally, of America. Switzerland is the only true neutral left.

When it became clear that Russia's expansion in Europe was checked, Moscow switched its ambition to Asia. Thus at the present moment the recent history of Europe is being repeated in Asia. Every country in Asia is being invited, or cajoled, or coerced to declare its attachment to Russia or its attachment to the West.

This development is anything but welcome to the independent countries of Asia. Some of these recently achieved their independence by independence they really mean independence. The last thing they want to do is to throw away their newly-acquired freedom and themselves on as minor allies of the great powers, whatever the inducements which they may be offered to do so. Moreover they are greatly afraid of becoming caught in the middle of a war between America and Russia. It would not be their war. They do not wish to fight it. They want to concentrate all their effort on building up their own society.

Recently, Mr. Walter Lippmann, who still stands head and shoulders above all other American commentators, has been suggesting that the West should be more sympathetic to this desire of the Asian countries to be neutral. He has suggested indeed that this striving of the Asian countries might prove to be one of the elements out of which a peace system in Asia could be compounded.

The difficulties

Mr. Lippmann's idea seems to be that the great countries of Asia should group themselves together as a neutral block. Most of the Asiatic continent would then become a kind of vast Switzerland. A huge cushion would be interposed between Russia and America. Thus in the East there would be a disengagement in the struggle between Russia and the West. The chances of war would thereby be reduced, and the chances of peace would grow.

Is this plan practicable? It is easy to suggest difficulties. Mr. Lippmann's plan for Asia is very much like the one which he canvassed formerly for Europe, and there are the same objections to it. Mr. Lippmann thought that in Europe it might be possible to

best to encourage any helpful developments.

In London, Mr. Kenneth Younger, Minister of State, told Parliament today that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is satisfied that the status of the Bao Dai regime in Vietnam justifies its recognition by the British Government.

Asked by a Labour Member whether there had been any representation from India and Pakistan on the question of recognition of the Bao Dai Government, Mr. Younger said that he did not think it was a question of representations.

"We have, of course, had numerous consultations," he added.—Reuter.

neutralise Germany. This would have required the withdrawal of Russian troops from East Germany, and the withdrawal of American and British troops from West Germany. The reason why this scheme was judged unworkable by public opinion as a whole was that there seemed no feasible way of guaranteeing the permanence of Germany's neutrality.

Suppose that Russian troops were withdrawn from East Germany, but that, after a shorter or longer interval, the Communist Party seized power in Germany by a violent coup. What would happen then? Communist Germany would clearly not be a neutral. It would be an ally of Russia. Should the Western allies intervene by force? But if they did so, it would cause almost certain war with Russia.

In Asia the situation would be even more difficult because China, though there may in future be friction between China and Russia, can it really be supposed that a Communist Government in China will play a truly neutral part in the conflict between Communism and the non-Communist world? India is true, and Indonesia and Pakistan might also be genuinely neutral in attitude. But have they the means to defend their own neutrality if subjected to great pressure from Russia?

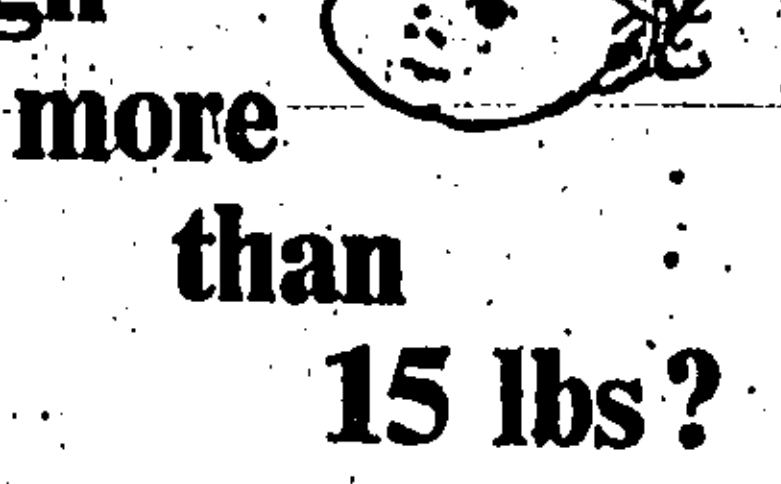
Advantageous Plan

These are formidable difficulties. But they are not altogether decisive against Mr. Lippmann's scheme. A formal neutralisation agreement in Asia may not be possible; it would require a degree of confidence in the sanctity of treaties which today does not exist. But it might prove to be the advantage of both Russia and the West to come to an informal understanding by which each seeks to use the Asian countries as bases against the other, or to secure in them the political influence which might later be used for military purposes.

If an agreement of this kind should be possible, it would not mean that the West would abandon its interest in Asia, or would give up the plans which are on foot for giving economic aid to the newly independent countries. Indeed, their economic development would become an even more pressing matter. For if India, Pakistan and Indonesia are to be genuinely neutral, they must be made to stand on their own feet as soon as possible. No country in danger of acute economic crisis and of social and economic destruction can defend its own neutrality. On the contrary, it invites and attracts intervention from outside.

But if economic aid is given as part of a scheme of neutralisation, it follows that the aid would have to be given without political or military conditions. This would make it the more acceptable to the oriental countries. And, since in building up the neutral block the West would really be following its own interests, this should not make the giving of the aid less acceptable to the donors.

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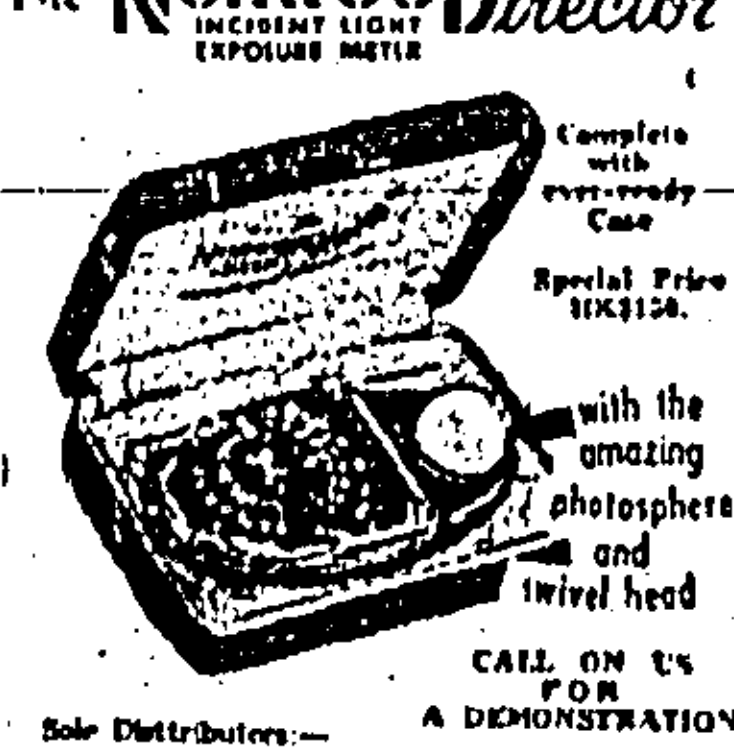
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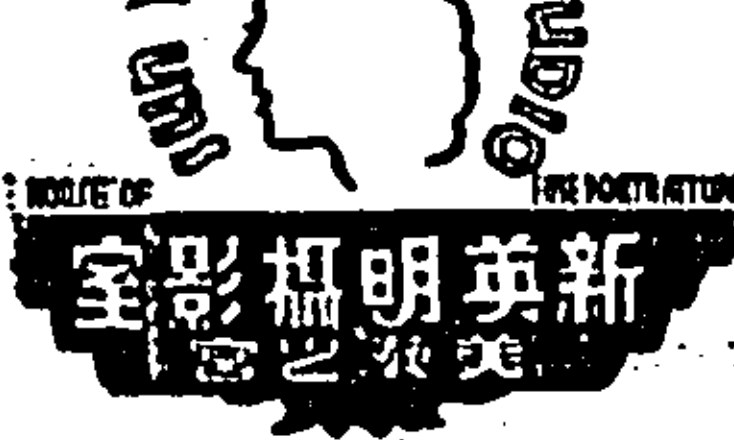
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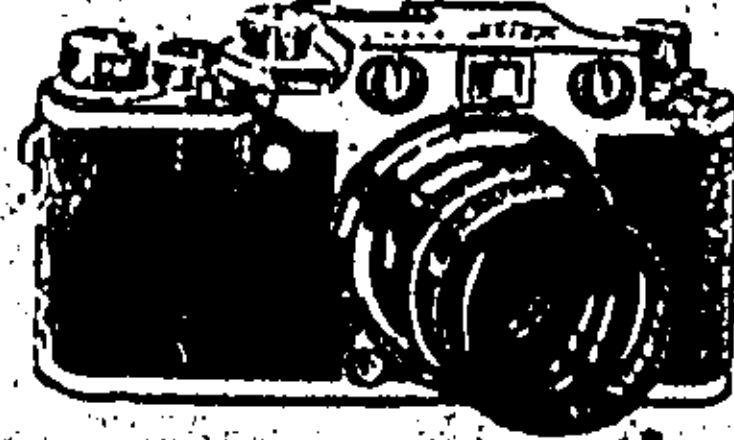
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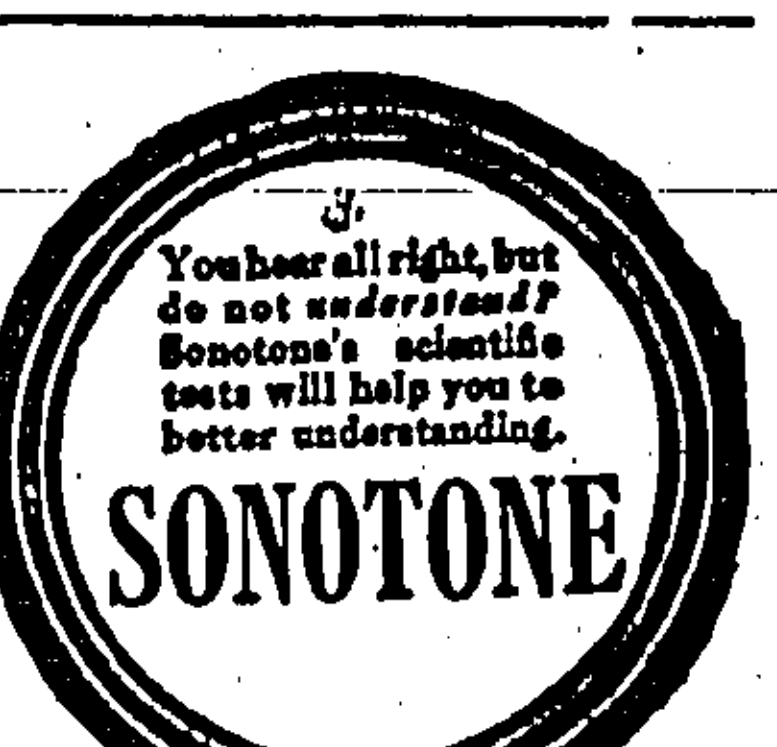
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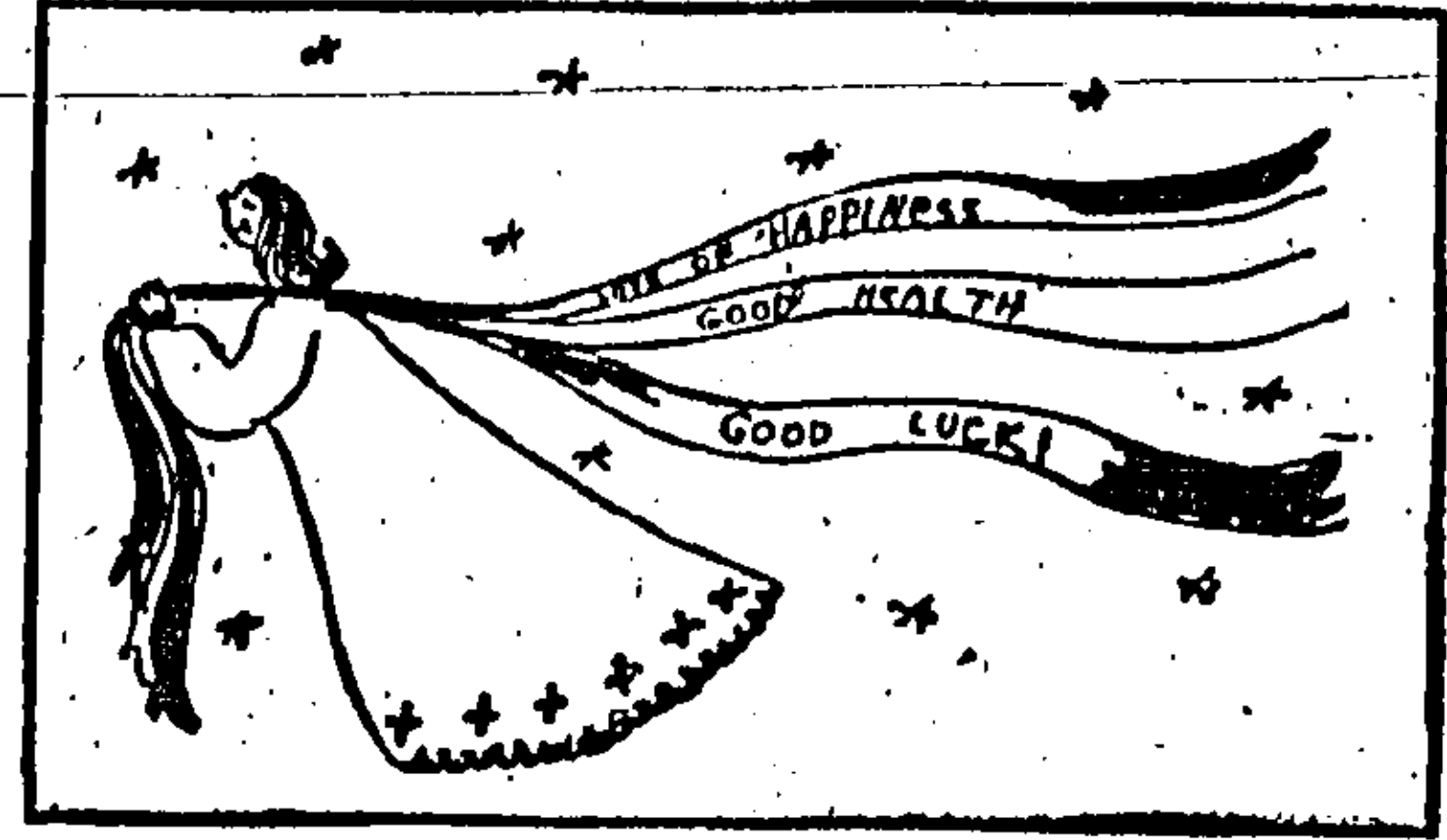
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Advice to teen-agers: keep sense of values



By Betty Betz

14. The Last Word

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If you do get fleeced by a sharp character who sells you a bill of goods, or if you work your fingers to the elbow on a flop, never let these upsets cause you to lose faith in your work and in the people with whom you work.

The hard-driving, money-grubbing public-seeking character is more to be pitied than envied, for he never turns out to be a happy person. It's all well and good to be ambitious and successful, but in

these days of worldwide confusion, there are many who lose all sense of values. I've met businessmen who are terribly successful but they're as cold and hardboiled as a mackerel in a deep freeze. Many of these men drive themselves hard because through the years they've forgotten how to relax and enjoy themselves. Don't forget to play as well as work—for your leisure hours are very important in achieving success.

In your struggle to reach the top (and it's never easy), always remember the human values as well as the material. Help the person who's less fortunate than you or who's less successful. As your importance and income increase, so should your generosity to others.

The only real happiness in life comes from helping others, and the successful men and women who are truly happy are the ones who work for their church and community projects as well as their own jobs.

SUMMER JOBS FOR YOUTH



And what about a Summer job? All play and no work makes you a pretty dull character these days, and you'll get ahead a lot faster later on if you stock up on working experience during your Summer vacations.

It's amazing what working does for the personalities of some kids. The girl who used to sit in the background with nothing much to say suddenly comes to life at parties by relating some of the hilarious incidents which happen at the office where she's a part-time receptionist.

And the chap who used to suffer from an inferiority complex is practically a man of the world because he works in a garage with older fellows who accept him as a "regular guy."

Farms and Ranches

If you're over 16 there are many dude ranches and camps which hire young people in the Summer. Here the pay includes room, board, and all the same sports facilities enjoyed by the cash customers.

I know many kids who offer their services to a farm for the Summer and have a heyday picking berries and helping out with the chores around the barnyard.

If you decide to work part time, it's to your advantage to choose a job which might be useful to your future career, but it's not essential.

It used to be that the "poor little newsboy" was to be pitied when he stood on street corners a bitter weather peddling his papers for extra pennies. Actually the "Rugged Dick" era when newsboys worked long hours for little money is gone. In fact today, with child labor laws, they couldn't get away with it.

Today the American newspaper carrier is often to be envied, because he has about the most interesting, worthwhile and best paid job for a young man.

Many girls who are clever at handwork have started their own small businesses, too. Hand-knit socks, mittens and scarves are always easy to sell around Christmas time, and might be the first step toward a designing career.

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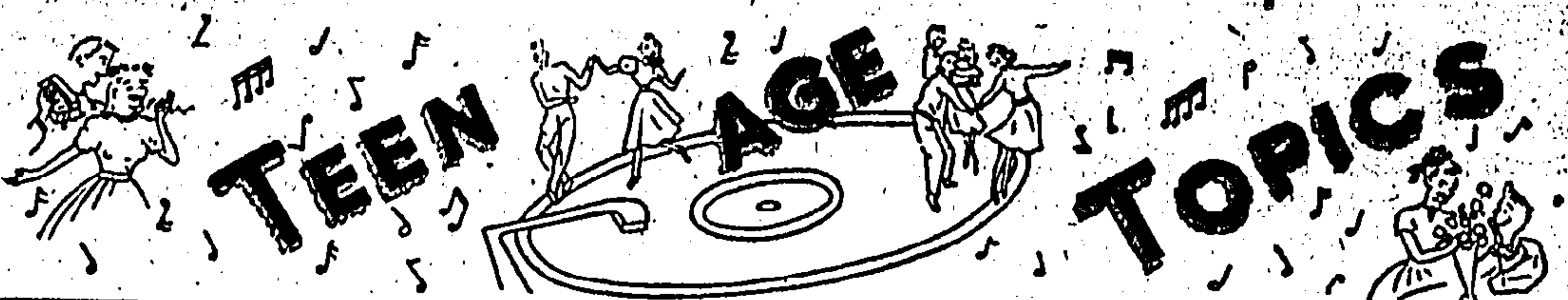
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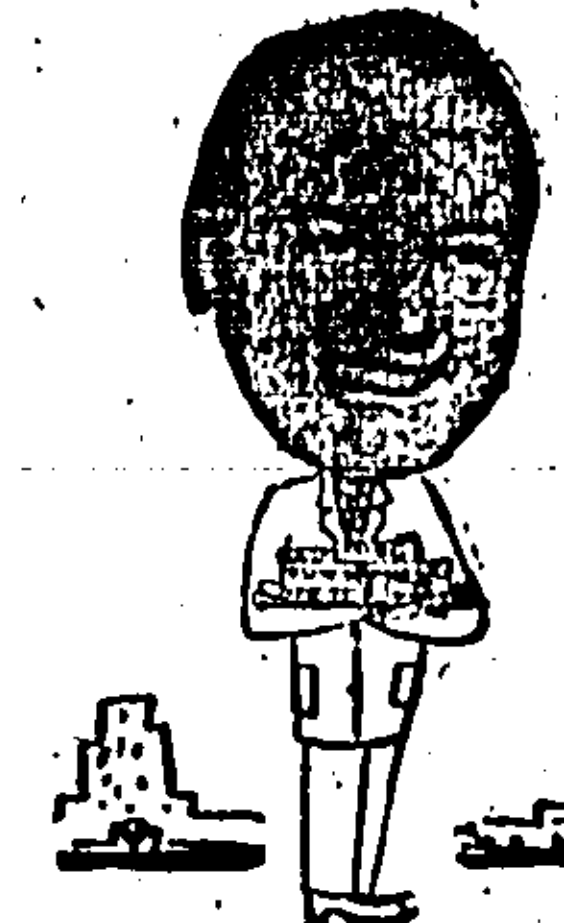
Architecture as a Career

By Gardner A. Dailey

If I were a teen-ager and interested in architecture, I would find it more thrilling today because more than in any previous time of its long history architecture is alive because it is a true expression of the way we live.

The study of architecture takes in a great many different things and to simplify all this we might group them in three parts: the Artistic, which has to do with beauty; the Practical, which has to do with building; and Planning, which has to do with the orderly arrangement of space in houses, shops and factories.

The practical aspect of architecture deals with Construction. That is why we should know how to build things, why we should understand how masons lay brick and carpenters put together timbers, as well as all the other trades that we see working busily on new buildings.



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Platter chatter

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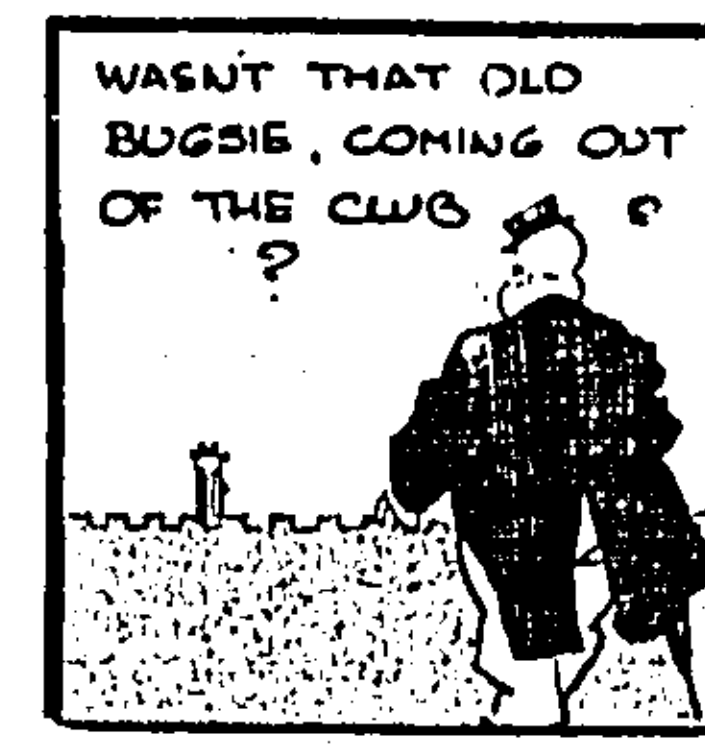
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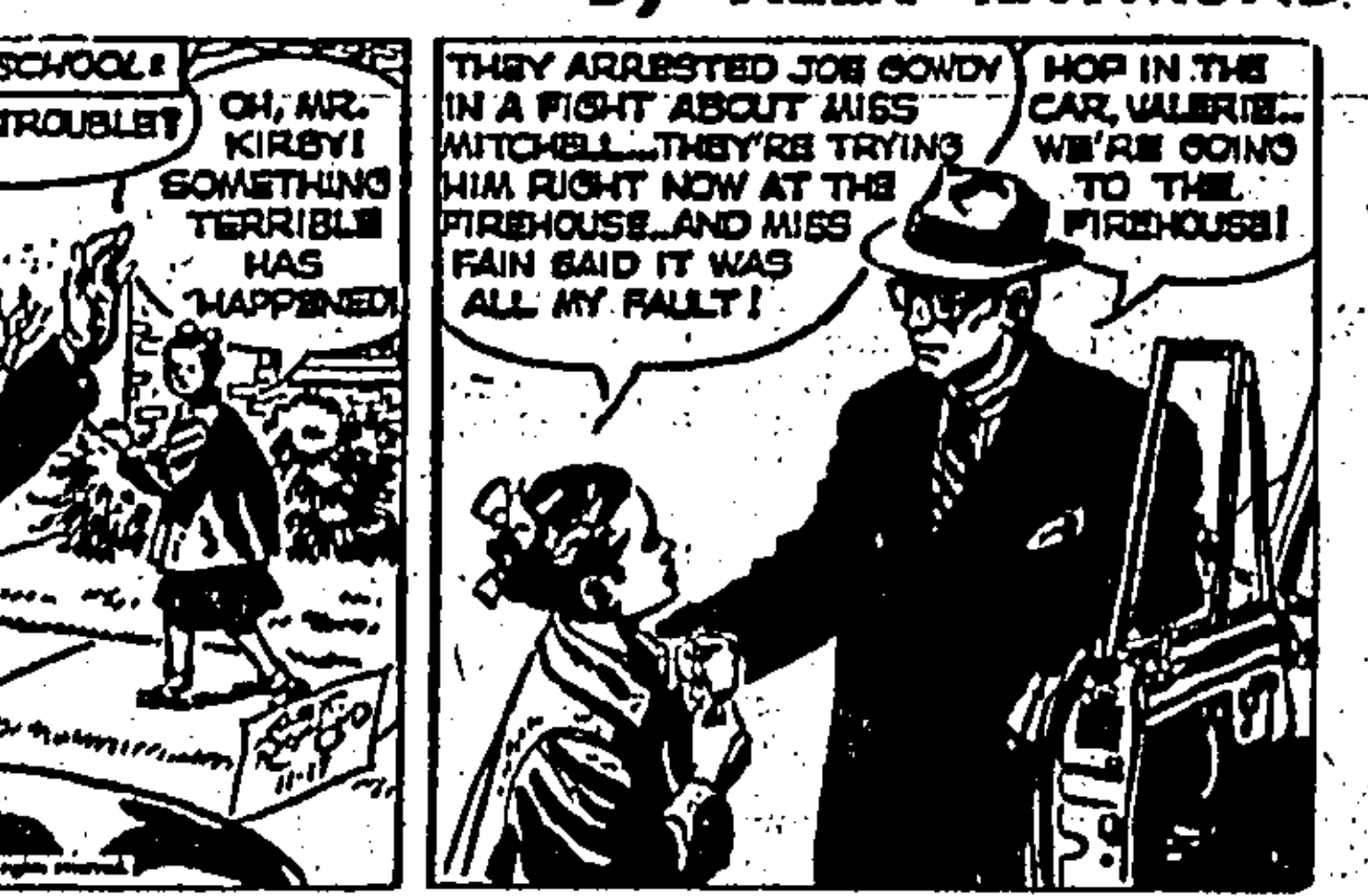
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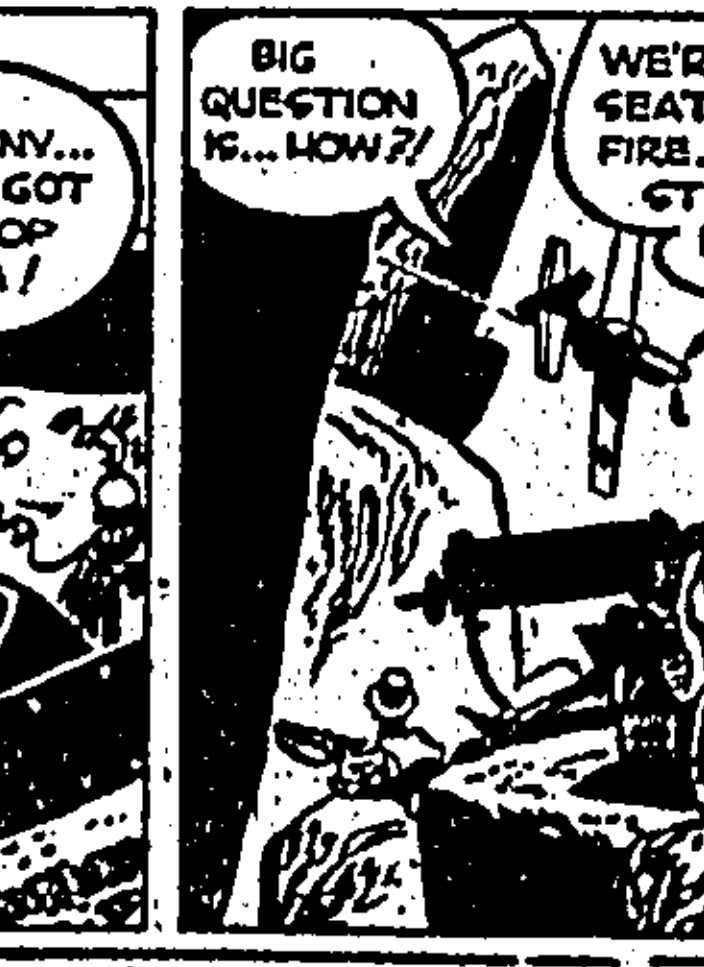
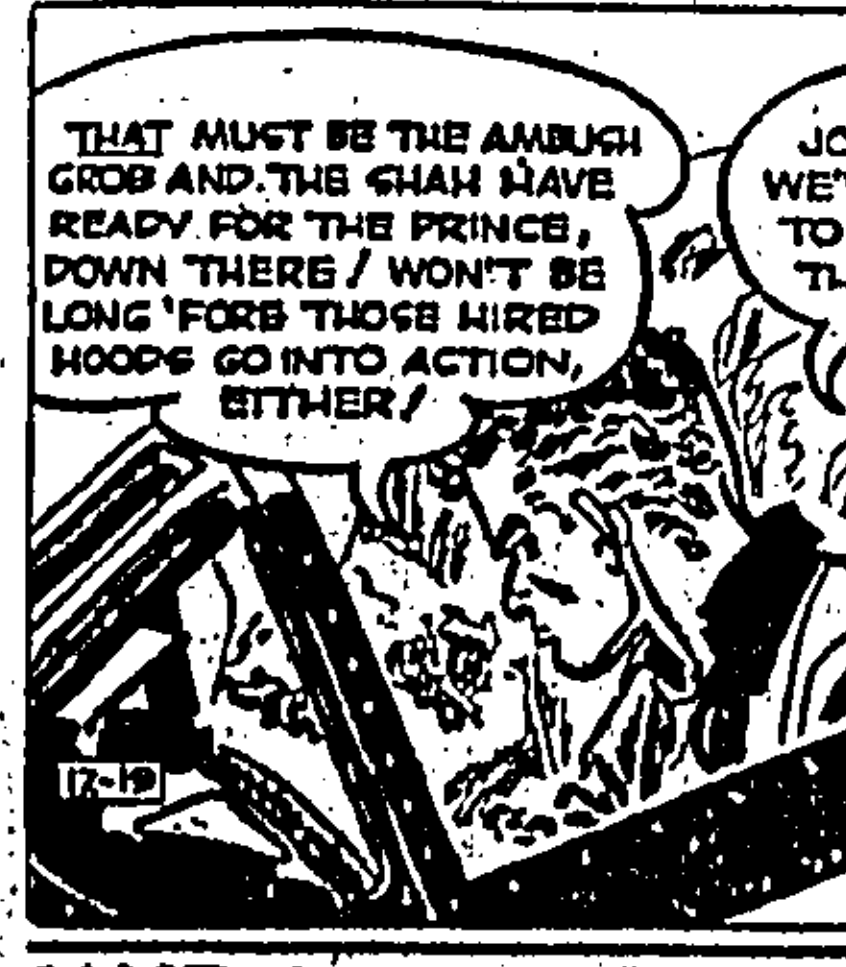
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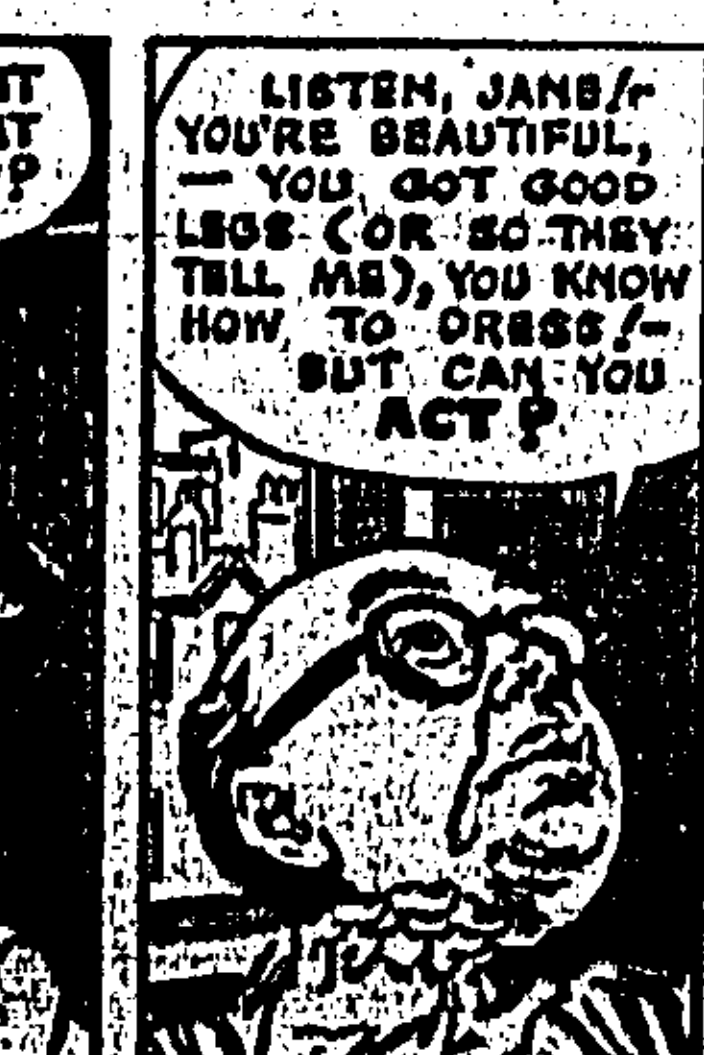


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"SECHUEN"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 20th Mar.
"YUNNAN"	Keelung, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 21st Mar.
"PAKHAI"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 25th Mar.
"NEWCHWANG"	Bangkok & Sulu from Custodian Wharf.	5 p.m. 31st Mar.

ARRIVALS FROM

"HUPEH"	Tientsin & Tsingtao	17th Mar.
"SECHUEN"	Bangkok	7 a.m. 17th Mar.
"YUNNAN"	Indonesia & Straits	18th Mar.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin & Tsingtao	22nd/23rd Mar.
"NEWCHWANG"	Yokohama	27th Mar.

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ARRIVALS FROM		
"MACHAON"	U.K. via Straits	18th Mar.
"PATROCLUS"	U.K. via Straits	22nd Mar.
"ANKING"	U.K. via Rotterdam	28th Mar.
"ANTIOCHUS"	U.K. via Straits	30th Mar.
"TELEMACHUS"	U.K. via Jeddah & Straits	2nd Apr.
"AUTOLYCUS"	U.K. via Straits	12th Apr.

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"TAIPING"	Kure	27th Mar.
"CHIANGSHA"	Sydney & Melbourne	8th Apr.
ARRIVALS FROM		
"CHIANGSHA"	Australia & Manila	1 p.m. 15th Mar.
"SOOCHOW"	Australia	23rd Mar.
"TAIPING"	Australia & Manila	23rd Mar.
"CHIANGSHA"	Japan	5th Apr.

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Communist strength in America

Columbus, Ohio, March 13.

The founder of the Communist Party in the United States said today that it has a membership of around 75,000 and that nearly 600,000 persons are sympathetic with Communist policies.

"We can't permit the luxury of affording 75,000 fifth columnists to operate in this country," Benjamin Gitlow said in an interview. "The Russians' fifth columnists and espionage units are much more powerful than anything Hitler ever had."

Mr. Gitlow founded the Communist Party of the United States in 1919 only to repudiate Communism during the Thirties—United Press.

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Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 445 kilocycles per second and on 9.62 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T. P.M.

12.10—Broadcast for Schools—Geography—People of the Rivers. The River Nile, The Ganges, (BBC)

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

12.32—Mantovani and His Orchestra Play Tanqueray and Waltzes.

12.45—"From the Films."

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25—Interlude.

1.30—"Grand Hotel"—Albert Bandier and the Palm Court (orch.)

With Raymond Newell (harpsichord) (BBC)

2.00—Close Down.

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.02—London Studio Melodies—"Echoes from the Theatre" London Light Orchestra conducted by Michael Krel (BBC)

6.30—Songs by Jeanette MacDonald.

6.40—Terry Lucida Quartet.

7.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

7.15—"Much Binding in the Marsh"—With Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne. (BBC)

7.45—"Generally Speaking" (London Relay)

8.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)

8.10—"Record Round-About"—Variety Request Programme Presented by Christine Shore. (Studio)

9.10—"Force Midweek Magazine"—Presented by Ian Wilshaw. (Studio)

10.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

10.15—Weather Report.

10.45—"French Cabaret."

10.45—Piano Recital by Solomon.

11.00—The Organ Dance Band and Music.

11.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay Recorded)

Close Down the King.

11.30—Close Down.

Court hears appeal in property dispute

The dismissal of a Supreme Court action for a declaration to title of premises at 23 Yiu Wa Street, Hong Kong, by Mr. Justice Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, three months ago, had a sequel yesterday at the Full Court of Appeal.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, counsel for appellants, put forward submissions that the respondent concerned had not established her title as bona fide purchaser of the property in dispute.

The Full Court yesterday—composed of Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice Gould, Puisne Judge—reserved its decision.

The appellants were Yeung Shu-chung and Yeung Lai-chiu both of 43 Wing On Street, ground floor. They were represented by Mr. Sheldon instructed by Mr. F. H. Loseby.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, on the instructions of Mr. S. Ng Quinn, appeared for the respondent Mrs. Ng Lai-king of 175 Portland Street, third floor. Dealing briefly with the facts leading up to the action, Mr. Sheldon told the Court that in May 1940 a woman named Chan Ng-shi was the legal owner of the disputed premises. In January 1943, the property was sold to the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs then made an unsuccessful attempt to register the property with the Japanese authorities. In July 1945 the plaintiffs sold the house to a man named Wu Chung-yu. The deeds of the house were then handed over to Wu on his payment of the purchase price to the plaintiffs. At the re-occupation of the Colony, Mr. Sheldon continued, Wu consulted his solicitors, and was told to get a confirmatory assignment from the woman, Chan Ng-shi. He was, however, unsuccessful in doing so.

In May 1948, Chan Kwan-shi, the woman's sister, swore a statutory declaration that the deeds of the property had been taken away by armed robbers during the Japanese occupation. This declaration was wholly false, Mr. Sheldon declared. The evidence showed that the documents were always on the possession of Wu Chung-yu.

Counsel went on to say that on the same day the declaration was sworn, Chan Ng-shi executed the assignment of the property to the defendants in the action, Ng Lai-king. In June 1948, Wu received a notification stating that the house had been sold. Wu saw his solicitors who then made a search of the Land Office Registry and found the assignment.

In question had been registered the deed of the plaintiffs and told him about the matter. The plaintiffs returned Wu \$15,000—the equivalent of the purchase price originally paid by Wu to plaintiffs.

On receipt of the money, Wu handed the plaintiffs back the deeds of the property.

Mr. Sheldon said that evidence was called by the two plaintiffs. At the conclusion of the case, counsel for defendants submitted there was no case to answer and elected to call no evidence. Judgment was delivered in his favour.

Counsel then referred to a passage in Mr. Williams' judgment, in which the latter had ruled there was no evidence of fraud on the part of the defendant, and that she had acquired a registered title and was therefore a bona fide purchaser of the house.

Explanations needed

In this connection, Mr. Sheldon contended that there was no evidence to show that the defendant was a bona fide purchaser. Whatever the facts set out, there were certain matters which needed some explanations by the defendant, he added.

At the conclusion of the case, counsel went on to say that the plaintiffs had established that the defendant's title was bad unless they came under a certain provision in the Land Registration Ordinance.

It was therefore for the defendant to prove that by the said assignment, she became a bona fide purchaser of the property, he added. There was no evidence of this.

After Mr. Sheldon had quoted from various authorities to support his contentions, Mr. d'Almada for the respondents rose and told the Court it was the defendant's solicitor who had gone to the Land Office Registry to search for the assignment, and not the plaintiffs. This, he said, was admitted by counsel for the appellants at the original hearing.

Mr. d'Almada went on to point out a certain document which purported to show that \$20,000 had been paid for the title deeds by the defendant and this, he said, had been admitted by Mr. Sheldon.

What the other side contends is that the amount concerned, however, was too low a price which made the affair a "fishy" one. That, he added, was the basis of plaintiffs' arguments.

After further legal submissions from both sides, the Court announced it would give a written judgment.

Rediffusion

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	7.15—Setting Up Exercises.
	7.30—Musical Clock.
	7.45—Ed. A. Keller Show.
	8.00—News & Weather Forecast.
	8.15—Random Rhythms.
	8.45—A Programme for Women.
	9.00—Morning Music.
	9.30—Concert & Keyboard.
	10.00—Music For All.
	11.00—Airline Melodies.
	11.30—Parade of Rhythms.
P.M.	12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.
	12.15—B.H.C. School Broadcast.
	12.30—"Variety Handicap."
	1.00—Hawaiian Music.
	1.15—News.
	1.30—"London Studio Concert"
	2.00—Afternoon Music.
	4.00—Slim Bryant and His Wildcats.
	4.15—"Today's Choice."
	4.30—"Vocally Yours"
	4.50—Music Makers.
	5.15—"Children's Corner."
	5.30—Harmony Hall.
	5.45—Radio Headlines.
	6.00—The Hot Club.
	6.15—"The Jumpin' Jacks."
	6.45—"Do You Remember?"
	7.00—B.B.C. News.
	7.10—Local News.
	7.15—Candlelight and Silver.
	8.00—Romantic Circle.
	8.15—"The Sweetwood Serenaders."
	8.30—Allen Roth's Symphony of Melody.
	9.00—B.B.C. News.
	9.10—Local News.
	9.15—"These You Have Loved"
	9.30—Radio Stage.
	10.00—Down Harmony Lane
	10.15—"Hitting up the Curtain"
	11.15—"Listen to the Band"
	11.30—Standards.
	12.00—Close Down.

INDONESIAN RUBBER ESTATES

Amsterdam, March 13.

Indonesia's new scheme to increase exports, amounting to a currency devaluation of 67 per cent will triple the realisation costs of estates, it was stated in estates circle.

The estates with bigger exports are considered to be in a better position although some doubt is voiced about the charges of transferring profits. But the new arrangement will not be of much use for a commodity like sugar which is not being exported in large quantities.

Estates circles in general have so far withheld praise for the new measures in view of the considerable uncertainty existing at present.

Rubber circles think that the brake has now been taken off exports although lower prices are expected temporarily. They are also uncertain as to the influence big stocks will exert.

Reuter.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

The ms. Lightning V.20 is due to arrive here this morning. She will be moored to Buoy A-8 for discharging-loading of her cargo. The vessel is expected to sail for San Francisco via Keelung tomorrow morning.

Seattle, March 13.
Ship arrival, James O'Hara from Yokohama.

Departure, Jeff Davis for Okinawa, Fred C. Alsworth for Yokohama—Associated Press.

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JAPAN		
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HINT OF TAXATION RELIEF IN THE UK

London, March 14. One of the many queries now being raised as a result of the statement election is whether the new Government, with its small majority, will last long enough to grant some taxation relief.

The Government is due to consider the report of the Royal Commission on Betting, Lotteries and Gaming.

Should it continue in office, it may frame legislation modifying laws of Britain with a view to taxation relief.

Britain's immediate concern is the forthcoming budget on which the Chancellor of the Exchequer will have to work forthwith.

"It is a cheerless outlook," writes a correspondent, "for nobody seems to have any lively and interesting ways of raising money for the exchequer."

"It is always some doleful form of tax, mostly falling upon the weekly and monthly wage earner."

"Not a single politician or party promised to relieve this hunt through the middle class man's pocket by a lottery, or for example, a sweepstake."

"There is a Royal Commission studying this, we know, but that does not preclude thought or indeed action on the subject."

After the Postmaster-General's admission that he welcomed the money from football pools, sure by there can be no more hounding about the morality of otherwise accepting part of the receipts.

Only 300,000 unemployed in Britain

London, March 13. The number of unemployed in the middle of February was less than two per cent of the registered working population.

A Government spokesman said 372,800 persons were unemployed on February 14 compared with 372,300 on January 16, but that in the same period the total of working population was increased by 82,000. The 372,800 unemployed represented about 1.3 per cent of the total number of employees under national insurance schemes.

—United Press.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 13. Ralls showed signs of weakness in an otherwise narrow and sluggish stock market. Losses of fractions to about a point reflected disappointment over railroad earnings statements. Gains and losses in the rest of the list spread out over a point, with few going beyond that margin. The Associated Press average of 60 stocks remained unchanged.

A total of 364 issues advanced and 409 declined. Transfers 1,000,000 shares—lowest since last October 3.

Gainers included Laclede Gas, Philco, Sinclair Oil, Columbia Gas and Consolidated Edison.

Fractional losers included Admiral Corporation, Emerson Radio, Zenith Radio, International Nickel, Philip Morris and American Radiator.

Dow Jones averages: Stock 73.81; 20 Industrials 203.09; 15 Ralls 64.73; 10 Utilities 42.95.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express 21 1/2
Alaska Juneau 3
American Can 112 1/2
Smelling 52 1/2
Telephone 149 1/2
Tobacco 73 1/2
Waterworks 9 1/2
Anaconda Copper 28 1/2
Aviation Corp. 6 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive 11 1/2
Barnard 49 1/2
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Borden Co. 60 1/2
Canadian Pacific 14 1/2
J. I. Case 42 1/2
Chrysler 6 1/2
Colgate 45 1/2
Commercial Solvents 17
Coca-Cola 68 1/2
Du Pont 9 1/2
Eastman Kodak 46
General Electric 45 1/2
General Motors 74 1/2
Goodrich 81
Goodyear 48 1/2
Homesite Mining 45 1/2
International Harvester 20 1/2
Paper 38
Tel. & Tel. 11 1/2
Johns Manville 47
Kaiser Aluminum 50 1/2
Montgomery Ward 54 1/2
National Distillers 22 1/2
Lead 37 1/2
New York Central 12 1/2
Packard Motors 34 1/2
Pan American Airways 9 1/2
Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2
Radio Corp. 14 1/2
Remington Rand 14 1/2
Republic Steel 25 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco 39 1/2
Schenley 30 1/2
Scars Rockwell 44
Shell Oil 37 1/2
Socoy Vacuum 15 1/2
Southern Pacific 51 1/2
Standard Brands 23
Oil of Calif. 63
Oil of N. J. 67 1/2
Studebaker 27 1/2
Union Bag 28 1/2
Carbide 42 1/2
US Rubber 42
Steel 30 1/2
Lines 10 1/2
Westinghouse 33 1/2
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 79 1/2
Gen. Pub. Utilities 17 1/2
Rail bonds declined. Among curb gainers were Union Gas of Canada, Consolidated Gas and Electric of Baltimore.—Associated Press.

Dog in manger attitude

"None of the signs of ruin which it criticises as follow in the wake of such gambling, has shown itself in Ireland where the sweepstake continues to prosper and the hospitals continue greatly to benefit."

"If the authorities are charged with running such a venture on their own, that is hardly an excuse for a dog in the manger attitude towards it."

"The British taxpayer would welcome assistance with his food subsidies, a method of spreading the bait over the whole populace."

"This would seem a more realistic contribution than putting the money into some half hidden consolidated fund."

"But before we decide how to spend it, we have to decide how to get it. Will a change of government make any difference?"

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

From UNITED KINGDOM PORTS AND STRAITS

Consignees per Ship

m.s. "SOCOIRA"

arrived March 14, 1950

are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where it will lie at consignee's risk and expense and subject to terms and conditions of Storage of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. The cargo is expected to be ready for delivery from the Godown on and after March 15, 1950.

Cargo is considered as being accepted in good order and condition by consignees, unless broken, chafed and damaged packages are left in the Godown for subsequent examination by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of consignees, at 10 a.m. on March 15, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulation, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when dutiable goods are examined.

All damaged cargo claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before April 7, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have been taken delivery of ex ship's side or alternatively ex the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s premises unless a joint survey has previously been effected.

MACKINNON MACKENZIE & CO.
Agents,
P. & O. S. N. Co.
Hong Kong, March 15, 1950.

Money Market

US dollars were steadier but still weak yesterday. Opening at HK\$35.14 the rate increased by fractions to \$35.84 at the close. TT was put through from HK\$35.38 to \$36.30 1/2. Sterling opened at HK\$15.44 and closed at \$15.40. Australian pounds were down another five cents to HK\$13.25. Plaster was unchanged at HK\$12.50 a 100. TTs at HK\$28.30 a 100 were also unchanged. NEI Guiltens, continuing their drop, touched HK\$22.50 a 100 at the close yesterday. The opening rate was \$23.50.

LONDON STOCKS

London, March 13. The Stock Exchange had a firm undertone. Small gains were widespread among British Government bonds and industrial shares. Oils were uncertain and slightly lower. Gold shares were irregular.

Financial Times' index 104.0 — Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m.v. "MANGARELLA"

Having arrived Hong Kong consignees of cargo are hereby notified that all goods have been landed and placed at their risk and expense into the godowns of the China Freevident L. & M. Ltd. where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns or failure to attend the survey.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on March 20, 1950, at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulation, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

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"TIDEWIND"	San Francisco	Mar. 31	Mar. 31

For full particulars call General Agents—UNITED STATES LINES CO.—Queen's Bldg. Tel. 28196

NY RUBBER

New York, March 13. Crude rubber number one futures closed seven to ten lower. Sales 17 contracts.

May

July

September

Spot number one ribbed smoked sheets 19-1/4 nominal.—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

s.s. "FLYING CLOUD"

Consignees are hereby notified that captioned vessel is due to this port on or about March 16, 1950.

All cargo will be discharged to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. Consignees are requested to take immediate delivery from Siamor godowns.

Optional cargo will not be discharged here unless notice has been given prior to the vessel's arrival.

A. P. PATTERSON & CO.
General Agents
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Hong Kong, March 14, 1950.

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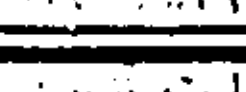
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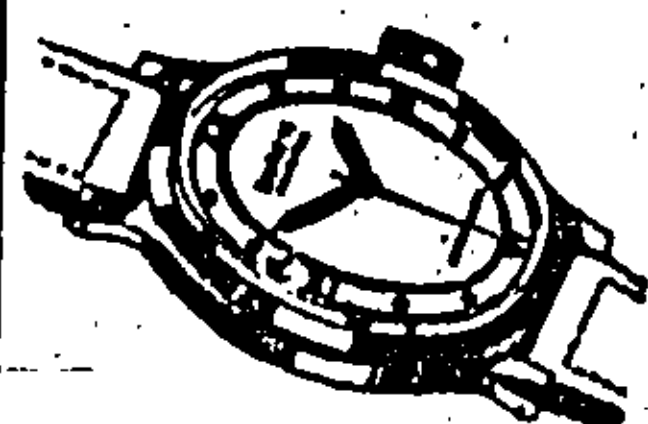
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THE PERFECT
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Sports Pause

IP BEATS TSAI, ENTERS
TENNIS SINGLES FINAL

Twenty-nine-year-old K. H. Ip, current holder of the Colony Tennis Singles Championship Malayan and all-China titles, entered the final of the Colony Grasscourt Singles Championship for this year with a win of 6-3, 6-3, 4-6 and 6-1 over his Doubles partner Edwin Tsai at the Cricket Club centre court yesterday.

A surprising feature was the small crowd present at the game.

Ip once again showed that he is in a class by himself, as he poured out a facile flow of full-length blistering drives to both flanks of the court and followed them up with well-placed, crisp volleys and subtle drop shots.

His services not only earned him no less than 19 aces, but had the effect of forcing Tsai into the base-line where the latter's specialty at net play could not be put into operation.

The loser, however, put up a much better display than expected and earned for himself the distinction of being the only player in this tournament so far to take one set from the champion.

He was seen at his best at the net during the few opportunities that came his way, when his volleys and overhead smashes were as deadly and accurate as those of his more polished opponent. In one stroke at least he was superior, and that was his forehand deep-cross drive which left Ip standing on a number of occasions. A rather weak service, however, and a lack of good-length drives on Tsai's part forced him into a type of game in which Ip easily had the upper hand.

The whole match lasted exactly 75 minutes.

which overshoot their mark gave Ip the first set at 6-3.

Finding better lengths in his drives and putting more sting to them, Tsai took Ip's opening service game in the second set, and forced Ip to a number of errors in the next game to take the lead at 2-0.

This was short lived, however, as Ip took to aggressive tactics again and ran away with the next three games in a row. After conceding the sixth game, Ip pinned Tsai to the base with powerful drives to both wings of the court, outstriking him or forcing him to net his returns. Three games came one following another.

The third set saw both players hanging on to their service games until 5-4, when Tsai made a succession of brilliant follow-up volleys at the net to break through Ip's service and take the set 6-4.

Ip took no chances in the fourth set. Much the fresher of the two, he soon stroked into a 4-0 lead with more careful play.

Ip took the next game on his service, but had to concede the sixth and seventh game and match to an opponent with a sustained barrage of aggressive strokes.

U.S. BASEBALL

New York, March 13. Exhibition baseball: Boston, American 7 New York, American 5. New York, National 3 Cleveland, American 2. Detroit, American 10 Cincinnati, National 6. St. Louis, American 2 Chicago, American 0. Washington, American 7 Philadelphia, National 5. Chicago, National 0 Portland, Pacific Coast League 2. St. Louis, National 8 Boston, National 5. Associated Press.

SCOTTISH CUP

London, March 13. The draw for the Scottish Cup semi-finals, made today and resulted as follows: Queen of the South or Aberdeen v Rangers or Kilmarnock. Partick Thistle v East Fife. The matches are to be played on Saturday, April 1, but the venues have not yet been decided. —Reuter.

CALL
OVER ON
LINCOLN

London, March 13. The prices of the leading candidates were cut and a fair amount of business was transacted when the card was called over on the Lincolnshire Handicap at the Victoria Club here tonight.

Dramatic, the mount of Gordon Richards, shed a point to 7 to 1 to retain his position at the head of the market. Burgham was a firm second choice at 8 to 1, also a point less than at the previous call-over.

The run on the Epsom-trained Transatlantic continued. He is now a 10 to 1 shot, two points less than his last quotation.

Last year's winner, Fair Judgment, is the fourth choice at 100 to 9, while his stable companion, Bobo, remained unaltered at 18 to 1.

The French entry, Comte de Chambure, who is to be flown over to Lincoln this week, closed at 22 to 1, a reduction of three points.

Only six horses were quoted for the Grand National. Yorkshires-trained Freebooter is still the first choice at 9 to 1. Lord Bicester's Roimond, the runner-up last year, shortened a point to 100 to 7 to become a clear second favourite.

The full quotations: Lincolnshire: 7 to 1 Dramatic, 8 to 1 Burgham, 10 to 1 Transatlantic, 100 to 9 Fair Judgment, 18 to 1 Bobo, 20 to 1 Barnes Park, 22 to 1 Roe du Diable, 25 to 1 Goldborough and Star Point, 33 to 1 Fancy Fly, Grant, Jamaica Flame and Tsao, 40 to 1 Philadelphia and Pomposus.

Grand National: 9 to 1 Freebooter, 100 to 7 Roimond, 100 to 6 Cromwell and Monaven, 22 to 1 Shagreen, 25 to 1 Russian Hero, 33 to 1 any others. —Reuter.

KMB, CAA
play to
1-1 draw

The Kowloon Motor Bus were fortunate to secure a point from the Chinese Athletic Association in their First Division soccer match at Boundary street yesterday. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.

CAA opened the store in the first half and kept the lead on their opponents for more than three-quarters of the game. Yu Kai-yan, CAA custodian gave a brilliant display and was in the main responsible for KMB's inability to score.

The shot that beat him in the second half was a sure kick from Chau Man-chi, the tricky KMB inside left.

A save by Yu Kai-yan resulted in a corner kick awarded to KMB. A well placed pass enabled Chau to send the ball through Yu by a well timed ground drive. This lifted the score at 1-1, and from there on both sides made attempts but neither succeeded.

SECOND DIVISION
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POMPOUS OUT OF
LINCOLNSHIRE

London, March 14. Pomposus will not run in the Lincolnshire Handicap on Saturday as he has met with an accident in training. Pomposus was quoted at 40 to one for the event in last night's official call-over. —Reuter.

RUGBY CUP

London, March 13. The draw for the semi-finals of the Rugby League Cup, held at Manchester today, resulted as follows: Widnes v Bradford, Northern or St. Helen's. Leeds v Warrington. Ties are to be played on Saturday, April 1. —Reuter.

London, March 13. Rugby Union results: Talywain 3 Pontypool, 9; Glasgow Academics 6 Oxford University 9. —Reuter.

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Badminton:

Bill Funk beaten
by Junior Champion

(By "ARGONAUT")

M. T. Yeow, last year's Colony Junior Singles Champion created the seventh upset of the Colony Championships this year, when he eliminated the former Shanghai Champion, Bill Funk, in three bitterly fought games at the Recroio last night.

The match between the two went to the record time of 95 minutes. In the third set, Bill Funk staged a spectacular recovery from 3-13, to 13-13. But the efforts appeared to sap most of his energy, and the next five points went to his younger opponent in two services.

Benzin Saw, the Schoolboy player, advanced into the semi-final of the Junior Men's Singles with another excellent win, this time over Chung Wah's K. C. Wong in two straight sets.

F. M. Hoarzi and B. Brown of Rosary Church were not able to reproduce the form which enabled them to produce a major upset in an earlier round in their last night's match. A brutal game by Bill Chow carried him and C. H. Ngan to a well-earned win over the Portuguese pair.

Full results

Schoolboys' Singles: K. Y. Ts (St. Paul's) beat P. McRae (KGV), 15-3, 15-1.

Junior Men's Singles: B. Saw (Shallanders) beat K. C. Wong (Chung Wah), 15-10, 15-5.

Junior Men's Doubles: Bill Chow and C. H. Ngan (Shallanders) beat F. M. Roarzi and B. Brown (Rosary Church), 10-15, 17-15, 15-3.

Junior Men's Singles: J. A. Soares (St. Teresa) beat C. C. Wen (Kin, Tong), 15-10, 15-5.

Army runner's fast
time for the mile

At the Royal Leicesters athletic meet at Boundary Street yesterday, Corporal David Groves was timed in four minutes 23.1 seconds for the mile run.

This started off keen discussion among officials, competitors and spectators present as to whether Groves did in fact complete the distance in the time recorded which if correct, will stand as an unusually fast time for the mile run in Hong Kong.

Check-up with time keepers revealed that there were two watches on Groves. One stopped the runner in 4/21 and the other in 4/23.1 seconds.

Mile runners as well as veteran track athletes were doubtful about the time. Groves who kept a steady but seemingly slow pace especially in the second and third laps jumped into the lead on the turn into the final lap. From here he gradually accelerated, pushing ahead then let off in a final 150 yards spurt that carried him some 30 yards ahead of the next in. Groves himself said that he did not feel a 4/22 was a fast time, but the time of 4/20 would have been more correct. Four minutes 30 seconds is still a fast time for the mile in Hong Kong.

Captain N. F. Phillips, veteran Army runner who had already won the distance twice, was an interested spectator yesterday. He dismissed the suggestion (but the Boundary Street track was short saying that he had measured the distance round himself and he knew it to be four yards longer than the distance marked. Earlier in the afternoon, Groves had run in first in the 880 yards and was time in 2 minutes 17 seconds.

Other standards in the Leicesters meet had little to show. The most interesting was the three mile race which ended in a thrilling finish. Judkins, Cairns, Bligh and Wood, finishing in that order kept together most of the way. Bligh and Wood dominated the laps throughout with Cairns striding easily close in the fourth lap, behind Judkins who was in the lead. The last mile saw all four runners in close pack. Bligh led until the last lap. Judkins who seemed tired was least expected to give the final finish, that he did. This put Cairns in the lead. Cairns in the last lap, had jumped into the lead on the stretch home. Judkins sprinted past Cairns with the tape some 40 yards away winning comfortably by 10 yards.

Results were as follows: 100 yards: 1. Private Gordon; 2. Private Bligh; 3. Private Cairns; 4. Private Wood. Time: 1 minute 15 seconds.

200 yards: 1. Private Gordon; 2. Private Bligh; 3. Private Cairns; 4. Private Wood. Time: 2 minutes 15 seconds.

400 yards: 1. Private Gordon; 2. Private Bligh; 3. Private Cairns; 4. Private Wood. Time: 4 minutes 15 seconds.

800 yards: 1. Private Gordon; 2. Private Bligh; 3. Private Cairns; 4. Private Wood. Time: 8 minutes 15 seconds.

1600 yards: 1. Private Gordon; 2. Private Bligh; 3. Private Cairns; 4. Private Wood. Time: 16 minutes 15 seconds.

3200 yards: 1. Private Gordon; 2. Private Bligh; 3. Private Cairns; 4. Private Wood. Time: 32 minutes 15 seconds.

6400 yards: 1. Private Gordon; 2. Private Bligh; 3. Private Cairns; 4. Private Wood. Time: 64 minutes 15 seconds.

12800 yards: 1. Private Gordon; 2. Private Bligh; 3. Private Cairns; 4. Private Wood. Time: 128 minutes 15 seconds.

Commandos
hold annual
sports meet

The annual athletic meet of 40 Commando, Royal Marines, was held yesterday at Sookun-poo.

The Athletics Cup was won by "H" Troop with 100 1/2 points.

At the conclusion of the meet, prizes were presented to the winners by Brigadier C. R. Hardy, DSO, OBE, Commander 3 Commando Brigade.

Results: 100 yards: 1. Lieutenant Shallow (A); 2. Marine Walker (Q); 3. Marine Thistle (X).

200 yards: 1. Marine Phillips (Y); 2. Sergeant Herbert (X); 3. Marine Harrington (X).

400 yards: 1. Marine Fick (H); 2. Marine Brown (H); 3. Marine Douglas (A).

800 yards: 1. Marine Fick (H); 2. Marine Brown (H); 3. Marine Douglas (A).

1600 yards: 1. Lieutenant Mansell (H); 2. Lieutenant Bayl-Jones (Y); 3. Marine Chiverton (Q).

3200 yards: 1. Lieutenant Shallow (A); 2. Marine Williams (H); 3. Corporal Allen (B).

6400 yards: 1. Marine Phillips (H); 2. Marine Williams (H); 3. Marine Millard (B).

12800 yards: 1. Captain Mitchell (H); 2. Lieutenant Shallow (A); 3. Marine Williams (H).

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